

## TIENTSIN BELIEVED FIRST RED OBJECTIVE

Nanking, December 22.

The North China war swirled to Tientsin's dirt wall and moat today, according to well-informed sources, who said they believe that the great industrial city is at the top of the list of Red objectives.

Tientsin is now isolated by land and cut off from the sea. The main airfield, seven miles East, is under Red control, but some aircraft today landed on the field built on the race-course within the city.

Official Chinese reports said Tientsin is in the full defence stage, with streets and thoroughfares barricaded and closed to traffic.

These reports said the Nationalists had been engaged in heavy fighting South of the city for the past three days and nights.

Tientsin's Nationalist defenders are not generally regarded as outstanding troops and they are facing crack Manchurian Communist units under General Liu Pan.

A Canadian announcement revealed today that hundreds of villagers have been moved down by Nationalist machine guns in the vicinity of Tientsin, in the North Western suburb, when seen wandering about strangely garbed in red and green.

The authorities alleged that villagers, numbering a couple of thousand, who covered themselves with quilts and bedclothes in a variety of colours, were armed with bombs supplied by the Communists, who drove them ahead as bullet shields.

### New Airfields

The official English language Peking Chronicle gave front page prominence today to the appeal by the Wang Kuo Tao Tienhwei (International Moral Society) addressed to all thinking people in the world for help in preventing the destruction of Peking.

"We want you to support us in our struggle for reason so that Peking may be spared the fate of so many historical places in Europe where war destroyed what centuries of thought, love and labour had built up."

Meanwhile Chinese Air Force planes yesterday made successful test flights from the new pole ground airfield off the Legation Quarter.

The field was built in great haste to give Peking an air link with the outside world. The first landing there occurred on Saturday, but improvements had to be made before outboard flights could be carried out without grave risk.

Meanwhile, work went on round the clock on the airfield being built in the grounds of the Temple and Altar of Heaven. Aviation circles foresee the possibility of commercial airlines running planes to Peking when it is completed.

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### Communists In Peiping?

Tokyo, December 22.  
A Chinese Communist radio broadcast monitored in Tokyo today claimed the Communists have entered Peiping.

The announcer, speaking in broken English, identified the station as G-FMH "broadcasting from Peiping in Communist-held China."

He requested that foreign embassies in Nanking be given the message, purported to have been issued by Acting President C. W. Liu of Yenching University, to the effect that all foreigners at the university were safe after the Communist occupation of the university grounds.

He gave no details of his station's location or whether it actually was within Peiping's walls. The broadcast was monitored by the American amateur station J2USA in Tokyo.—United Press.

### SECOND HITCH IN CABINET FORMATION

Nanking, December 22.  
There was another hitch in the formation of Dr. Sun Fo's War Cabinet tonight when it was reliably learned that Mr. Mei Yi-chi, Chancellor of the National Chunghua University, had declined to accept his nomination as Education Minister.

News of Mr. Mei's decision became known almost simultaneously with the official announcement of the Cabinet appointments. The names of the ministers announced coincided with the list of nominees approved earlier today by the Kuomintang Political Council.

Dr. Sun Fo is understood to have conferred with Mr. Mei immediately following the Council meeting, but is believed to have failed to persuade him to change his mind.

It was reported tonight that Mr. Mei was meeting President Chiang Kai-shek with other university professors and lecturers who yesterday were evacuated in lightly loaded transport planes from the improvised airfield in the centre of besieged Peking.

Unless Mr. Mei is persuaded by the Generalissimo to accept the Education post, the number of portfolios unfilled in Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet will have been increased to two. So far Dr. Sun Fo has not found a nominee for the post of Agriculture and Forestry.—Reuter.

### Dr. Figl Found Blameless

Vienna, December 21.  
Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, was today found blameless by his party Executive of charges made by a former police chief that he had accepted a gold cigarette case worth 25,000 schillings.

Edgar Rados, former head of the State Police Department in Vienna, reported guilty of blackmail and sentenced to 15 months' hard labour, made the allegation at his trial.

Dr. Figl stated that he first refused to accept the case but when Rados refused to take it back he deposited it with the Chancellor. He added that in any case the cigarette case was not worth anything like the sum stated by Rados.—Reuter.

The Communist radio said the 25th Army, one of the main forces of the North China Government commander, General Fu Tso-yi, was encircled in mountains 60 miles North West of Peiping and is being bombarded with demands to surrender.—Associated Press.

### SCENE OF THE CRASH



An aerial view of the scene of Tuesday's disaster, when a CNAC Skymaster crashed, killing 35. In the upper right of the picture can be seen the shoulder of the hill where the plane first struck. The white mark in the left centre is the fuselage of the aircraft.—(Photo by Bing Tao Jih Pao)

### SELF-DEFENCE PLEA MADE BY DUTCH TO UN

Paris, December 22.  
The Dutch told the United Nations Security Council today they attacked the Indonesian Republic because they had captured secret Republican plans to attack the Dutch.

Jan Herman Van Royen, Dutch delegate, was the first speaker as the Security Council met to take up an American complaint against the Dutch for their land, sea and air attack on the Republic.

Van Royen said the alleged secret Republican plans were for large-scale military action against the Dutch in January, 1949.

He said the Dutch were determined to give eventual independence to the United States of Indonesia. But he said they would not get their independence until the Dutch were sure the citizens of such a federation would not fall under the dictatorship of an extremist party.

### Domestic Matter

He defended the Dutch "police" action, beginning on Saturday, on the grounds that the Indonesians had constantly violated the truce. The Security Council, he said, was not competent to deal with the question because:

(1) The Charter dealt with the relations between sovereign States. (2) The matter was within the domestic jurisdiction of The Netherlands, and (3) The situation did not endanger international peace and security.

The Council meeting, called at the request of Australia and the United States, to consider the renewed fighting in Java and Sumatra, adjourned on Monday because the representatives of Russia, the Ukraine and Colombia were not present.

United Nations investigators said the Dutch evidently were planning their current military campaign against the Indonesian Republic while still corresponding with the Republic through the UN.

The UN Good Offices Committee, which had sought to mediate the dispute between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic, made the accusation in a public report to the Security Council in Paris. The report said:

"A military operation of the nature carried out by the Netherlands forces must have involved considerable planning and it is difficult for the Committee not to conclude that plans for such operations were in progress during the exchange of correspondence in the last few days before the action started and at the time Netherlands authorities facilitated transfer of the Committee's headquarters to Kalikrat."

### Dutch Successes

The Dutch armed forces announced today major new gains in Java with the capture of Soerakarta, largest city of the Indonesian Republic, and the great oil refining centre of Tjempoe.

Other Dutch forces, advancing on the neighbouring island of Sumatra, captured Bukittinggi.

### ILL-FATED AIRCRAFT FLEW AGAINST ADVICE

The China National Aviation Corporation Skymaster which crashed 10 miles East of Kai Tak airfield on Tuesday was "flying in very foggy weather conditions against the advice of the Hong Kong Control Tower," it was officially disclosed last night.

Total casualties, including Mr. Quentin Roosevelt, 28-year-old CNAC Vice-President and grandson of the former President of the United States, were 35—two more than originally assumed by the local CNAC office.

Among the dead were Dr. Peng Hsueh-pai, Chinese delegate to the United Nations and former Minister of Information, Mr. Feng Yu-cheng, Director of the Shanghai Bureau of Central News Agency, and Mr. Fang Pei-lin, a movie film director.

Others who lost their lives included five women and a boy. Thirteen bodies were brought by CNAC launches to Hong Kong during Tuesday night. They were taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Rough weather prevented the others from being transported to Hong Kong yesterday. They are expected to be brought in this morning.

The Governor of Hong Kong sent a cable on Tuesday night to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The message read: "Regret to inform you that a CNAC Skymaster enroute from Shanghai to Hong Kong crashed within British territory today."

The messages added: "The plane was flying in very foggy weather conditions against the advice of the Hong Kong Tower. The estimated 25 passengers and five crew are all dead. A report follows in due course."

Yesterday a reply was received from the Colonial Office. The Secretary of State's cable said: "Deeply regret to learn of the heavy loss of life in the accident to the CNAC Skymaster."

The passenger list cable from Shanghai yesterday showed that besides a crew of seven, the Skymaster carried 28 passengers—two more than originally assumed on Tuesday by the Hong Kong CNAC Office.

### Carried 28 Passengers

The passengers were Messrs. Quentin Roosevelt, Peng Hsueh-pai, Feng Yu-cheng, Wang Wen-hai, Chao Kuo-chua, Chen Yi, Han Ming-yung, Lo Liang-chien, Chu Yun, Chu Man, Fang Pei-lin, Chiang Yun-feng, Hsu Chen-chueh, Wu Cheng-an, Liu Tzu-chuan, Yang Yi-tien, Yang Pao-chiao, Shen Shih-shen, Yang Hailin, Lo Hsiao-fang, Mrs. Wang Hu Chiu-huan, Mrs. Wu Chu Ching-chun, Mrs. Chen Tung Shu-fang, Mrs. Lu Tao Wei-shen, and Master Liu.

Mr. Quentin Roosevelt's wife, Mrs. Francis Roosevelt, and three young daughters were all in Shanghai. Mr. Roosevelt has been in China for about a year acting as a Director of CNAC. His father was killed in action in Normandy in the last war. His brother Li Hong Kong for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. Peng Hsueh-pai was 52 years old. He was educated at the Japanese Imperial University and later at other foreign universities. He became Minister of Information after the surrender of Japan.

Mr. Feng Yu-cheng, also publisher of the Central Daily News at Shanghai, was on his way to Canton to establish a newspaper in that city.

Mr. Turner, Divisional Superintendent of the Water Police, Inspector R. Oliver, Sub-Inspector Pyle, Sub-Inspector Rose and other police officers who were first to reach the wrecked plane were still on Basil Island yesterday.

They are expected back this morning with the dead. Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, went to the area yesterday to investigate and report to the Governor.

Police and aviation officers yesterday raked the incinerated wreckage of the Skymaster in efforts to find more victims, says an Associated Press correspondent who visited the area.

He added that the big CNAC plane lay in ashes, 100 feet from the summit of the 554-foot Basil Island. Around it littered for more than half a mile were the bodies and baggage of the 35 victims except those who had been removed to the mortuary.

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No single part of the plane was intact. The fuselage was incinerated except for the under carriage. Even the tail surface was a heap of white ash.

Police and civil officials worked all morning gathering the dead and their possessions on the hillside.

Pilot Charles Sunby, a naturalised Danish-American, has been tentatively identified by his CNAC uniform.

Littering the scene was an assortment of clothing, bedding, mail, aircraft instruments, sheets of music, religious medals and calling cards.

Early reports that looters had been busy are unsubstantiated. Police yesterday were busy gathering cameras, jewellery, pocketbooks and currency belonging to the dead.

A wrist watch found on the of one passenger was still running.

Mr. Moss Annoyed  
Civil Aviation Director Mr. A. J. R. Moss denied commercial and press photographers access to the crash. Mr. Moss said he was "rather annoyed" that "China Mail" Associated Press and other Pressmen reached the scene. "I am going to make enquiries as to how they got there," he said.

Corrigan birds circled over the island as the police worked. Almost all the dead seemed to have been hastily decapitated, apparently due to the tremendous momentum with which they were hurled through the fuselage when the plane crashed.

One man seemed to have had an idea of what was coming. His blackened hands were held before his face. Attitudes of the rest indicated they met death without even knowing it was upon them.

The Weather  
At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) the Siberian anti-cyclone continues to move SE behind an intense depression curving rapidly NE across Kamchatka. The associated trough extends SW to the S of Japan and across the Eastern Sea to central China. It has intensified considerably with a depression beginning to form N of Formosa.

Today's Forecast—Mod Easterly winds. Weather cloudy and unsettled with drizzle and rain. Coastal mist. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 72.6 deg. F. Minimum 65.0 deg. F. Sunshine 1.5 hours. Rainfall 0.8 mm. 0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—442.1 mm. 17.4 in. as against an average of 1122.5 mm. 44.1 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10.17.5 1014.4 m.b. Bar. at m.m. 1017.5 1014.4 m.b. Equal 29.93 29.93 inches. Rel. Humidity 44 67 % Dew Point 44 66 deg. F. Wind Direction 15 25 Wind Force 15 8 knots. Tides—Time Ft. High 1211 6.9 Low 1816 5.8

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## POLITICS IN SCHOOLS BANNED IN NEW BILL

The teaching of political doctrines and all political activities in schools are banned in a new Bill, the Education Amendment Ordinance 1948, which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Ordinance gives power to the Governor-in-Council to close a school or to remove school managers or teachers engaged in political indoctrination.

Moving the introduction of the Bill, the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, explained that the Education Ordinance 1913 required all schools in the Colony to be registered, and empowered the Director of Education to grant or refuse applications for registration.

These powers were exercisable subject to right of appeal to the Governor-in-Council against the decision of the Director of Education. The Ordinance did not, however, empower the Director of Education to withdraw such teacher from the register.

It was considered that the Ordinance should contain such a power so as to ensure the necessary standard of competence and suitability among teachers in the Colony.

### Repair Deficiency

The Bill before Council, said Mr. Griffin, would repair this deficiency. It would consequently make it an offence for persons who were not registered teachers to teach in a school prior to the approval of the Director of Education.

"There is a further matter," went on Mr. Griffin, "and that is under section 19 of the principal Ordinance, there is a further power of control, a power which is by that section given to the Governor-in-Council. It is a power superimposed on the powers given to the Director of Education.

"Section 19 says that if it appears to the Governor-in-Council that any school is being conducted in such a manner as to be prejudicial to the interests of the Colony or of the public or of the pupils of the school, it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to declare such school to be an unlawful school within the meaning of the Ordinance.

"There is a considerable power which has been vested in the Governor-in-Council, but it is designed to be used where the conduct of a school, that is the manner in which the school is carried on, calls for special interference of the Governor-in-Council.

### Not in Best Interests

"There are schools in the Colony at the present time which are conducted with perfect decorum but yet cannot be said to be conducted in the best interests of the Colony or of the public, or of the pupils, because in such schools, few as there may be, addition to teaching normal subjects, some such schools or the managers or teachers therein are engaged in political indoctrination.

"It is considered that where

such indoctrination consists of teaching of activity, of political activity—I stress the word 'activity'—which endangers either this Colony or places outside it, in as far as maintenance of law and order is concerned, then it is considered there should be power in the Ordinance to deal with the situation of that kind, either by closing the school or by removal of a school manager, or of an individual teacher, according as to whether the school or individual is engaged in such political indoctrination.

"I indicated that the provisions of section 19 of the principal Ordinance giving power to the Governor-in-Council do not suffice to deal with the situation. "Accordingly, it is sought by clause 10 of the present Bill now before Council to give power to the Governor-in-Council, or removal from the register of a school or of a person from managing or teaching in cases where it appears to the Governor-in-Council necessary to take such action, because it is prejudicial to the Colony or to the Commonwealth or to the public or to the pupils of the school.

### Exercise of Powers

"Clause 10 which seeks to introduce a new section 19, is designed to give powers to the Governor-in-Council and it also sets out how such powers shall be exercised.

"It will be seen that the section requires that if the Governor-in-Council, contemplating action, he shall call upon the school manager or individual affected to show cause why action should not be taken to put an end to his activities in running a school or in the case of a school, put an end to the school itself.

"It also provides that where a person is called upon to show cause, he will be at liberty to appear in person before the Governor-in-Council, to urge any representations he may desire to make against that course of action.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary Mr. D. M. MacDougal, and carried unanimously.

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yet. The police are in-  
vestigating.

## Reminders

### Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon,  
talk by Mr. F. W. Kendall,  
Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Y'a Men's Club, of Hong Kong,  
talk by Dr. Arthur Woo, Roof  
Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.45  
p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jaco-  
bean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45  
p.m.

Shanghai Tag and Lighter Com-  
pany, Limited, annual meet-  
ing, Wheelock Marden Office,  
King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Exhibition of French paintings at  
Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel,  
5 p.m.

H.K. Football Association emer-  
gency sub-committee meet-  
ing, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

Service men's Christmas Dinner,  
Sailors and Soldiers Home.

### Coming Events

#### TOMORROW

Midnight Masses at all Catholic  
Churches.

Midnight Eucharist (sung), St.  
John's Cathedral, 11.30 p.m.

Midnight Communion, St. An-  
drew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

## Money Market

U.S. dollars dropped to  
HK\$5.01 yesterday following a  
weakening of the market. The  
opening rate was \$5.02½.

Gold was steady, though quiet.  
Opening at HK\$298.75 a tael, it  
closed at \$295.25. These were the  
highest and lowest rates of the  
day.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 7½  
cents. Canton remittances were at  
6.45 cents and Shanghai remit-  
tances at 7.15 cents.

Pinstripes opened at HK\$7.35 a  
100, dropped to \$7.10, and closed  
at \$7.30.

Ticals were unchanged at  
HK\$25.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders, after Tuesday's  
spurt, dropped to HK\$36 a 100  
when the market closed yester-  
day. The opening rate was \$36.40.

Sterling was slightly earlier at  
HK\$15, while Australian pounds  
were unchanged at HK\$12.50.

## PEI HO THEATRE FIRE BRINGS COURT ACTION

Following the inquest into the death of four victims  
of the fire in the Pei Ho Theatre in Kowloon  
on the night of September 23, Bartholomew  
Vee Ing Shaw, licensee of the theatre, and  
Wong San-po, his tenant faced charges at  
Central yesterday.

Shaw, who is being defended by Mr. Peter H. Sin,  
came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo on three  
charges of committing an act of public  
nuisance by permitting films to be stored in  
a manner dangerous to public safety, failing  
to take the necessary fire precautions and  
committing a breach of theatre regulations.

Wong, defended by Mr. B. A.  
Bernacchi, instructed by Mr.  
P. L. Lam, faced one charge of  
committing a public nuisance  
and a summons of storing 550  
reels of celluloid films without  
a permit.

The case for the prosecution is  
being conducted by Superintendent  
C. Mottram.

Outlining the case Mr. Mottram  
said a fire occurred in the rear  
of the Pei Ho theatre at 9.20 p.m.  
on the night of September 23.

The theatre, he said, was a  
modern one and is situated in the  
midst of tenement houses.

The rear of the theatre adjoins  
103 Pak Wa Street and a con-  
imon staircase runs between the  
two buildings.

The room, where the fire  
occurred was part of the theatre  
and no application had been made  
for it to be used for any purpose  
other than mentioned in the  
theatre's licence.

### Muffled Explosions

On the night in question, while  
the show was in progress, muffled  
explosions were heard from the  
rear of the theatre and flames and  
smoke issued from back.

It was the flames that caused  
panic among the audience, and  
evidence of a mad rush  
for exits could be seen from the  
slippers and cloths strewn about  
the theatre and on the footpath  
outside.

The building adjoining the  
theatre consists of three stories,  
the ground floor occupied by a  
shop and the upper floors by  
employees of the theatre.

The flames travelled up the  
stairway, through the banisters into  
the room on the first floor  
used by second defendant for pro-  
cessing and drying highly in-  
flammable celluloid films.

The Fire Brigade arrived in  
good time and soon had the fire  
under control. Four people were  
found trapped on the roof of the  
building and these were rescued by  
fire escape ladders.

Four other persons were less  
fortunate and subsequently died.

### Straw With Films

Mr. Mottram then said he would  
produce witnesses to show that  
the room was strewn with films,  
both on the floor and in spoils.

Second defendant, with or  
without the knowledge of first  
defendant, stored a large quantity  
of film cuttings in drums in the  
cellar of the building.

The Government Chemist would  
say that, in his opinion the fire  
originated in the cellar.

This witness would say that the  
initial explosion was caused by  
the film cuttings coming into con-  
tact with the damp air in the  
cellar and that a spark ignited  
the films.

The explosion was of such force  
that it blew out the party wall  
leading to the scavenging lane.

After evidence was given by  
Mr. C. Terry, Government  
Chemist, in which he gave expert  
opinion of his visit to the scene,  
and examination of various  
materials sent to him from the  
fire, further hearing was adjourned  
to February 10 and with  
February 17, 18, 25 and 28 fixed  
for the hearing of the case.

## Tinned Milk, Butter Seized

Revenue officers on duty at the  
Kowloon-Canton Railway station  
between December 22 and 23  
seized further quantities of tinned  
milk and butter from outward-  
bound passengers.

The goods included four 12 ozs.,  
39 1-lb., one 17½ ozs., two 2-lbs.,  
six 2-½ lbs., and five 3-lbs. tins  
of powdered milk; 95 2½ ozs. and  
198 14 oz. tins of condensed milk;  
two 1-lb. tins of butter, and one  
2-lb. tin of margarine.

The above were, on the appli-  
cation of Revenue Inspector D. H.  
Knox, ordered by Mr. W. H.  
Lutimer at Kowloon yesterday to  
be confiscated.

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. el Arculli, Commis-  
sioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade,  
Hong Kong District, dated December 21  
follow:

HONG KONG SUB-DISTRICT  
Ambulance Duties: 20.12.48 to 1.1.49,  
Central Division.

Football Match Duties: Sat. Dec. 26,  
Caroline Hill 8.30 p.m. BCAA Division;  
Sun. Dec. 26, HK Football Club Chung  
Sing Division; Mon. Dec. 27, Caroline  
Hill 4 p.m. BCAA Division; Navy Ground  
4 p.m. SCOB Division.

KOWLOON SUB-DIVISION  
Ambulance Duties: 27.12.48 to 2.1.49,  
Kowloon ENCA Division.

Chinese Trade Fair Duties: As detailed  
in 34/48 Part 1 Orders.

Brigade Parade: Sunday, January 2,  
Final Rehearsal Parade, Caroline Hill 9.30  
a.m. HK Nos. 1 and 2 Corps, Kowloon  
Nos. 1 and 2 Corps, All Hong Division.

Dress—Review Order. Each Divi-  
sion will parade with one stretcher and  
equipment. Div. Burs. and Hon. Officers  
will attend.

Promotions and Appointments: Corps  
Supt. Wong Kam Cheung promoted  
A/Dist. Officer w.e.f. December 20; Major  
G. L. Vay appointed Corps Officer Dist.  
HQ w.e.f. December 20; Cpl. Chan King  
Wai, Shaikwan Div. promoted A/O  
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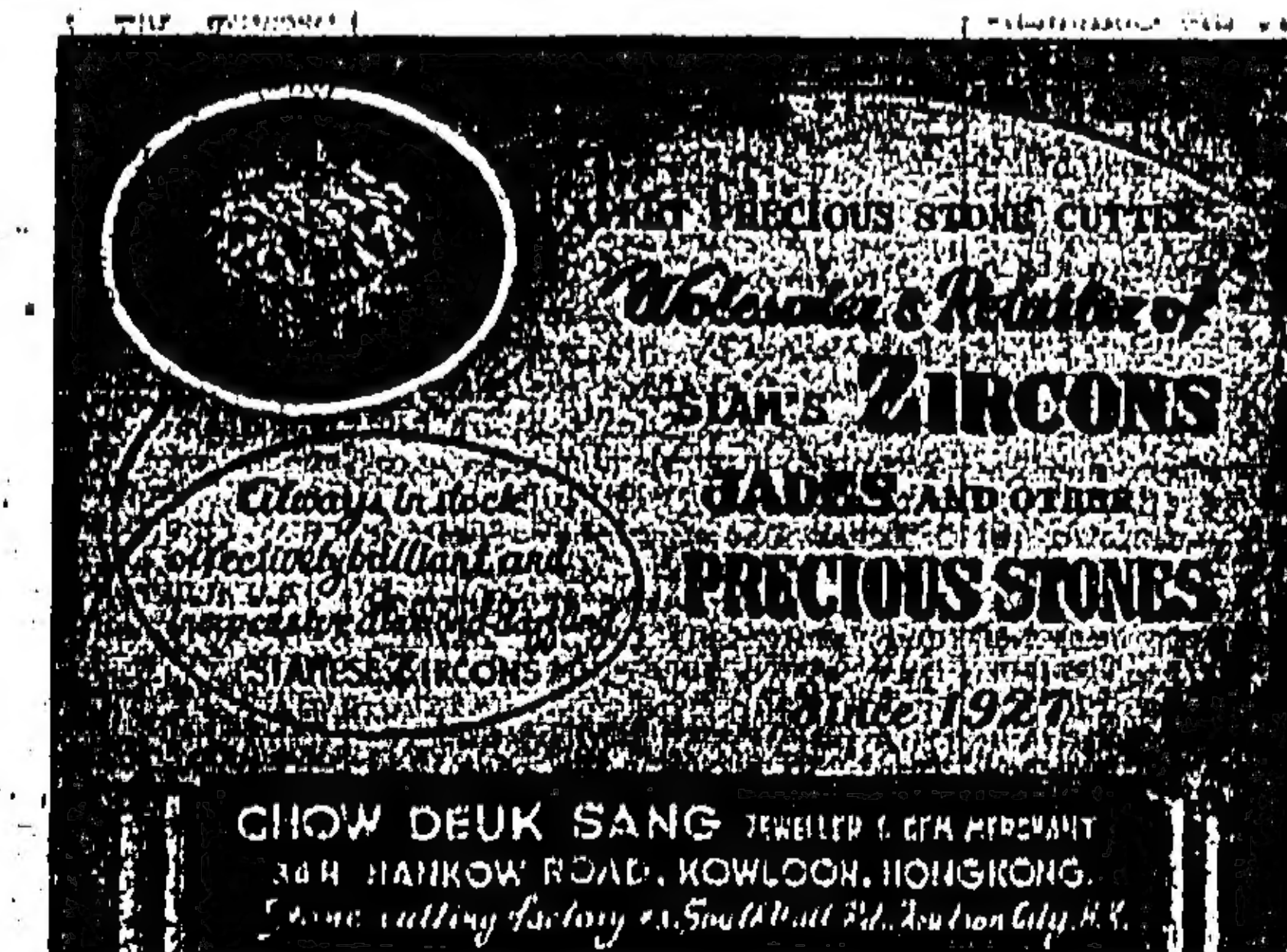
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# HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW

Hong Kong's new Defence Force Ordinance, which sets up a new Volunteer force of 6,000 to replace existing volunteer organisations, became law yesterday when it passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council.

Unofficial views in support of the Bill were expressed by Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr. P. S. Cassidy. Sir Man-kam Lo said it was bitterly disappointing that so soon after the end of the war we should have to talk of the creation of a new defence force, but viewing the situation as it existed, it was purposeless to indulge in vain regrets.

Mr. Cassidy urged that Government should take the public more into its confidence. He said the young men who were serving as Volunteers, he was sure, were not the type of men who would be the cause of any trouble. He was sure that the offer of recreational facilities was a good thing if the Government could go down to the Hong Kong Cricket Club and address the young men there.

After the Bill was proposed by the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, for second reading, Sir Man-kam Lo said: "The Bill is a very good instance of the Government's desire to put forward any concrete suggestion for its amendment. What I do ask for is that full consideration be given by Government to the question of whether the scheme fits the requirements of today. In this connection I commend to my honorable friend a letter which appeared in yesterday's newspapers raising certain points which should not be ignored."

"As Mr. Winston Churchill has pointed out, it is a British failing, that when preparations for war are made, they are invariably preparations for the last war. Some of us who were here in December 1941 have the feeling that the defensive measures of that period may not be applicable to the age of the atom bomb."

"The scheme which this bill envisages may have been carefully worked out by the experts but however distinguished these experts may be, I doubt whether they consulted any of the permanent residents of this Colony. A big share of the defence of the Colony will rest upon the shoulders of the younger men from overseas many of whom have had experience of what war really means."

"These of us who are employers of labour will be expected to encourage our young men to join the Defence Force, but we may have some very awkward questions to answer unless we know more about the Government's plans. I do appeal to Government to try and secure the goodwill of your potential volunteers, not only those from overseas but also your Hong Kong boys, many of whom played a magnificent part in the heroic days of 1941. I suggest that one or two meetings might be held behind closed doors with selected commanders and senior civil servants to explain the plans which Government have in mind and to invite a frank discussion."

"It is essential that the young men of today should be treated as adults and not as too young to be told. If this Colony is worth defending, the men and women of the Colony should be told how it can be defended and how Government proposes to deal with members of essential services as well as with the men of the Key Post Group who were overlooked on the last occasion."

**Extremely Skeptical**  
"I am extremely skeptical about the need of a bill such as this. I am equally apprehensive about this Council being asked to vote large sums on munitions which might not be suitable to our needs. I also think that if there is to be a cultural centre the community should come first and not merely the volunteers as such. If I had had time to get a wider range of views I might have had other comments to make. But I think I have said enough."

"Sir, for us, as for so many parts of the world, the future is shrouded by the uncertainty and may be menaced by danger. In this situation, and on this issue, I hope the Colony will be united in support of this Bill. I plead for

enough to support my plea for consultation with those whose services are sought."

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougal, replying for the Government, said he would like to make a few general observations arising out of the remarks made by the two unofficial members.

In the first place, he said, he would like to assure Council that the fullest consideration had been given by Government to the general question whether the scheme would fit present-day requirements. He assured Council that it would.

"The scheme is not solely designed for the present day need," continued Mr. MacDougal. "The Bill as it is presented stands, contains a long-term plan for the reorganisation of all the volunteer services in the Colony."

"The preparation required to bring us to the point where we can offer this Bill before Council began in the sense and for the reasons which Sir Man-kam Lo has expressed. It began as soon as we returned to the Colony after the Japanese surrender."

**Expert Advice Taken**

"The active preparation of the Bill was in progress for 18 months, and I can assure Council that all expert advice, locally and at home, has been fully consulted."

"The scheme now before Council in this Bill is devised to take care of the defence of the Colony in its broadest sense, including internal security. It is not aimed at any particular enemy, but is devised in fulfillment of responsibilities which lay on the Government since history began."

"Mr. Cassidy has made an earnest plea that we should take into our full confidence particularly the young men who will be members of the reorganised Defence Force."

"This implies that we have some secrets. I assure Council that on this issue we have no secrets. The whole plan was disclosed in its full outline by His Excellency the Governor at the last meeting of Council. Many of the details have, of course, yet to be worked out, discussed and finally decided. But by and large we have nothing upon the whole plan to hide, much less to withhold from intending members."

"My honorable friend has referred to recreational facilities; and there has been in the newspapers certain comment and references to what is called a bait. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate what His Excellency said at the last meeting, that facilities which were sketched at the first reading of the Bill, are not a bait. They represent recognition by the community of its responsibility to its own army. What is offered now brings Hong Kong's own army into line with what is done with other armies."

**Welfare Activities**  
"I need not remind Council of the important part which welfare

activities occupy in modern armies. I do not think that this Colony, before the war, ever gave unserved recognition of its responsibility to the Volunteers. These facilities, then, are not a bait, but a due. Stated in a nutshell, you may say that if a body of men who bind themselves by solemn oath to fight and if necessary to die for their community, that community has a moral duty to offer these men the best it has. (Applause.)

"Before I sit down I should like to define very briefly in case there is any misconception, the role for which the Volunteers are designed to play. It can be stated in one sentence. The role of the Volunteer is to guard internal security, to support the police in need, and if necessary and if required, to support the Army."

The Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, then wound up the debate and on his proposal the Bill passed through the second and third readings.

## Personalia

**Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday** included Lieutenant and Mrs. R. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yu, Messrs. C. F. Sun, T. C. Kung, C. C. Nish, I. Barfield, C. H. Kuo, S. Fong, and M. Brower.

**Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday** included Captain and Mrs. H. T. Chinn, Messrs. W. I. Galtley, J. D. Duncanson, and E. M. Allison.

Among the passengers who embarked at Southampton for Hong Kong by the ss. Dilwara on November 20 were Mrs. K. L. M. Asby and child, Mrs. D. A. Burt and Miss P. W. Burt, Mrs. P. A. Blanchford and two children, Mrs. L. H. Caudrey, Mr. A. J. Cameron, Mrs. P. G. De Chair and three children, Mrs. D. C. Dorman, Mrs. D. C. Hare, Mr. W. G. Gilmore, Mrs. C. F. Jones, Mr. V. O. Jackson, Mr. P. D. Johnson, Mr. B. Kimmond, Mrs. T. R. McLeod and child, Mr. T. E. McGhiey, Miss M. C. McCorkindale, Mrs. J. M. F. Powell, Mrs. C. D. Sparks, Mrs. E. L. Sadler and two children, Mrs. H. S. Workman, Miss J. M. Workman, Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, and Mr. F. T. Williams.

Mrs. G. Ettinger, Miss G. Ettinger, and Sister Mairie Bernard left the Colony yesterday for Swatow by the ss. Hanyang.

Messrs. J. Bridge, L. R. Home and Miss A. M. Hunter left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Fengtien.

Among the passengers who left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Szechuen were Messrs. M. W. Mendon and Abdul Rahman.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### No Loans

Sir,—Readers of your excellent newspaper would be grateful if you would banish the expression "to loan" from your columns.

Should you agree to this suggestion, your paper will undoubtedly bear the majority of English language newspapers in eradicating a flagrantly objectionable expression from our language.

Of course it is in the U.S.A. that it is used widely, but now it seems that English language newspapers throughout the world have been infected. It is painful to criticise the U.S.A. because Americans, in my opinion, contribute so much to keeping our language alive and robust, but the use of the word "loan" as a verb, in modern English at any rate, is quite unacceptable.

In today's issue you report proceedings at the London Bridge enquiry. The column contains the following sentences: "Sherman had loaned Stanley 12,000" (should be "lent"), and also "Sherman was, therefore, understandably glad to meet, and even loan money to somebody" (Lend). I am reminded of the occasion in the House of Commons when a Minister of the present Government, in reply to a parliamentary question, stated that "personnel had been loaned on a temporary basis."

This answer was very badly received by the opposition, and as most answers in the House are actually prepared by Civil Servants in Whitehall, I remember discussing the event with my Superior (I was a worker in Whitehall at the time). To my surprise, he vindicated the sentence (after all it was perfect Whitehallese) by saying that one "loaned personnel but lent money." Nothing was said regarding "temporary basis."

Perhaps we shall be reading about "Moneylenders" soon.

K.J.H.

### Blackwood Convention

Sir,—I appreciate very much your articles on Contract Bridge in the "China Mail" daily. It will be very kind enough of you if you will tell me briefly all the details about the Blackwood Convention as I do not know it thoroughly.

Before the war, I read a book called "Safety Play" by Mr. Franklin. This book contains 100 hands only and seems to me very valuable. Unfortunately I lost it during the war time and cannot get back another one, although I have written to Foyle's.

Book Sellers, London, for purchase. If you have this book or can buy one for me and I will pay you back the cost, it will be much thankful.

Your faithfully,  
Y. F. CHIU.

(The Blackwood convention is simple enough. A suit of Four No Trumps from your partner requires a disclosure of ace. If you have no ace, you call Five Clubs, with one ace you call Five Diamonds, with two aces you call Five Hearts and so on. If your partner calls Five No Trumps he is requesting disclosure of Kings which you answer in precisely the same way.—Ed.)

### HKCC Ground

Sir,—May I have one more word on the subject of the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground.

First of all, may I as a member of the public, thank Mr. H. Owen Hughes for his masterly handling of the main case which (so it seemed to me) omitted nothing. I note that he promised that the case, which he set out in detail, would be presented to the Government with all possible force. It is plain that it could not be in better or more competent hands.


For all I know the Government may not be able—at this juncture—to explain themselves more fully in public than they have done. It may be that in the end, a different playing field will have to be found. Facts have to be faced. That is not, however, the end of the matter. Mr. Owen Hughes went out of his way to refer, inter alia, to the social club adjoining with associations of its own and a value to an important section of the community that cannot be minimised.

Any niggardly handling of that matter by the Government would be as unjust as it would be impolitic. It would not be fair to the Government however, to anticipate anything of the kind.

For my own part I believe that Mr. Owen Hughes and his friends will in the end get all the concessions that they are willing to press for. They speak as Trustees in an important cause. No well advised Government would ignore or endeavour to minimise their case or with such fairness and skill it has been set out.

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## SALE BY AUCTION

on or about

THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1949

(unless previously sold)

of

PARTS OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 1203

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and

having important and valuable frontages on Nathan Road, Soy Street and Dundas Street suitable for Development.

## PARTICULARS.

Lot No. 1.

Situated on the corner of Nathan Road and Soy Street. Area approximately 9650 square feet—Frontage on Nathan Road approximately 74 feet and on Soy Street of approximately 130 feet. The Lot is vacant land with the exception of 5 temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road erected in 1940 now let on monthly tenancies. If the Lot is sold the Vendors will at their own expense construct a public road 60 feet wide at the rear of the Lot, being an extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street on which the Lot will have a frontage of approximately 74 feet.

The Lot, with the next mentioned Lot represents one of the most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road still available for development and is ideally suitable for the erection of a modern Cinema, Theatre, Hotel or the like.

Lot No. 2.

Situated on the corner of Nathan Road and Dundas Street. Area approximately 48650 square feet. Frontage on Nathan Road approximately 152 feet and on Dundas Street 320 feet.

On this Lot are erected

- (1) ten temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road erected in 1940 and now let on monthly tenancies and
- (2) the valuable Factory Building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd. strongly built of brick with steel beams and trusses. The latter building was looted during the Japanese occupation and has not been repaired.

This Lot with its large frontage on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The factory building could at comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block or the like.

A small portion of the vacant land at the rear of the Factory Building is now let on a monthly tenancy as open storage space. Notice to quit has been given to the Tenant.

Lots 3-10.

Situated on Soy Street and between the proposed extensions of Sai Yeung Choi Street and Tung Choi Street. The area of each Lot will be about 1000-1100 square feet with a depth of 65 feet.

The Vendors will in the event of the Lots being sold construct at their own expense a public road 60 feet wide being an extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street.

These Lots are vacant land and are suitable for the building of shops and dwelling houses.

Lots 8, 9 and 10 are let on a monthly tenancy for the storage of motor trucks.

Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

Lots 11-20.

Situated on the proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. The area of each Lot will be from 1100-1500 square feet with a depth of about 65 feet.

These Lots are vacant land free from any Tenancy and are suitable for the building of shops and dwelling houses.

All the Lots are held under a Crown Lease for 75 years (renewable for a further 75 years) from 28th January 1907.

No building covenant attaches to the Lots to be sold.

The Purchaser of each Lot will be required to pay a proportion of the Crown Rent calculated at the rate of approximately \$8.00 per 1000 square feet of the area purchased.

Copies of a preliminary plan showing the situation and approximate areas can be seen at the Office of the Vendors, 10B, Des Voeux Road, Mezzanine Floor, Gloucester Building or Messrs. Deacons Solicitors for the Vendors 1 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor or the undersigned during business hours.

A further announcement will be made when the date, place and time of the auction has been definitely fixed.

LAMMERT BROS.,

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3510, 3793, 3953, 3989, 4118, 4196, 4413,  
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J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,  
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Dated: December 20, 1948.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay

A SERIES OF PUZZLES  
GOING after a snail contract, you ordinarily have one clear-cut problem to solve—how to shut out some one winning trick threatened by the defence. When you are in a mere game, the chances are you will have a number of different problems. If the contract is lower still, and in your hand and the dummy, the number of puzzles increases, and you may have a whole series of them. That is basically because with 'low' contracts the strength is more closely divided between the two sides.

East when he got in later could have led the A ruff by West. But with the J. allowed to win the first trick he would not pitch back into the dummy's tenace. East scored the heart A for the second trick, then led the 10, the declarer making his second good play of the Q to force West into the lead. The heart J was returned and ruffed by the spade 6, then the spade 10 sent to the Q. West switched to the club 4. The J winning and the 10 being played to unblock later as good play number three.

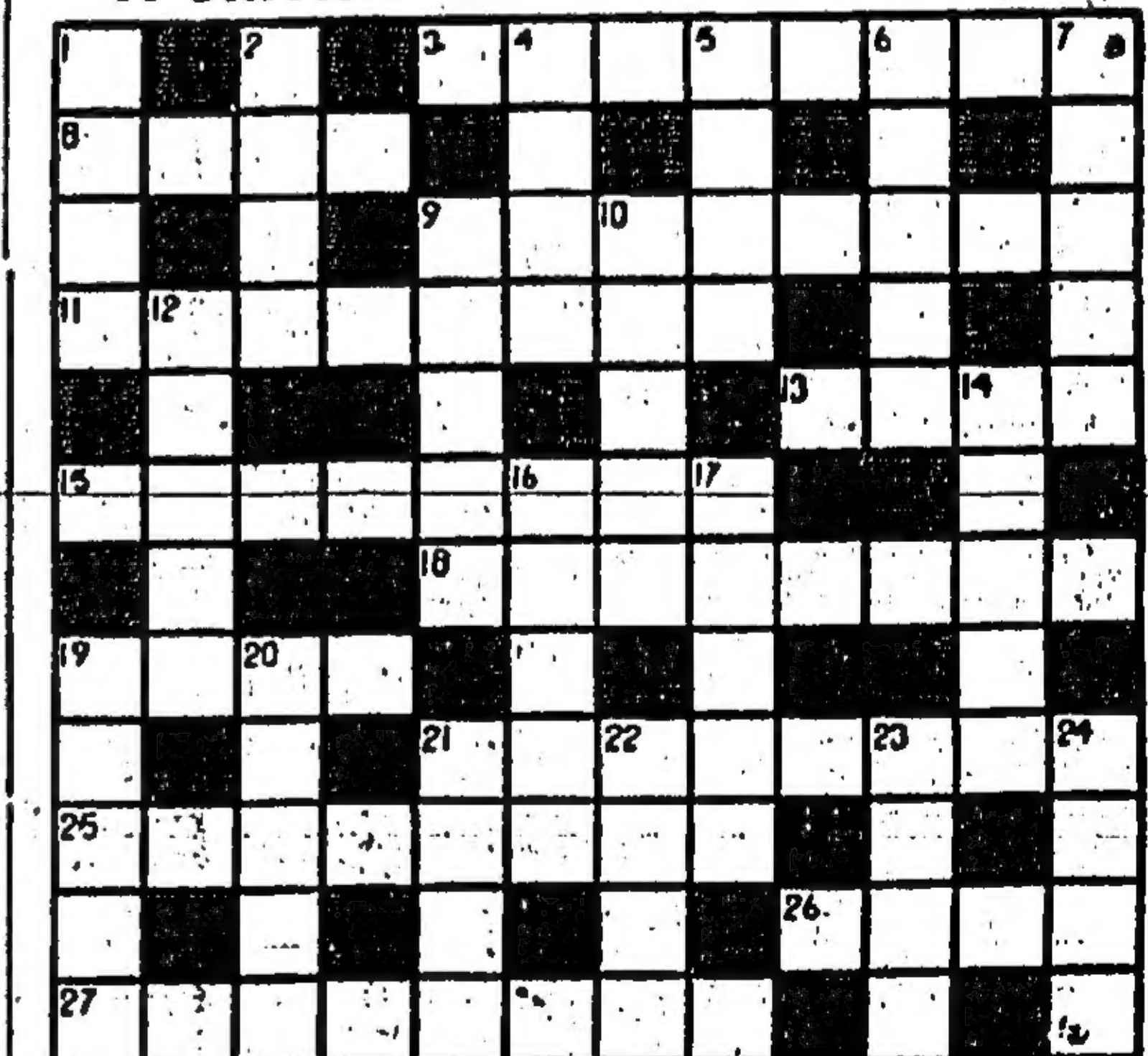
Now the spade J was finessed, the A won, the 9 was finessed, the A and the established 5 were scored and finally the diamond A. He thus made the tough contract, having lost only one trick each in diamonds and spades and two in hearts.

Tomorrow's Problem  
S 10 9 8  
H 7 6  
D A Q 2  
C A J 5 2  
S Q 8 4  
H K J 8 4  
D 2  
C Q 8 7 4  
S A J 7 3  
H Q 5 3  
D 10 7 4  
C K 10 3

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 D Pass  
3 C Pass 3 S  
S. Garton Churchill, had to do his stuff throughout to pull a good score from that contract! Besides keen planning, he had three distinct good plays, to lead the 9 of his partner's diamonds and he put on the 2 from dummy. If he had used the A.

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).  
West had rebid spades and finally doubled 7-No Trumps, how should South play following the spade K lead?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Strove to equal.  
8 Schema.  
9 Control.  
11 Argued.  
18 Fewer.  
15 Malicious.

Down

1 Hastened.  
2 Platform.  
5 Encounter.  
6 Praise.  
8 Commerce.  
9 Governor.  
10 Species.  
12 Drive.  
14 Search.

## Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Aspire, 4 Strew, 7 Toreador, 8 Train, 9 Crater, 11 Stealth, 13 Clatter, 15 Evaded, 18 Obese, 19 Assailed, 20 Essay, 21 Nestle.  
DOWN:—1 Antic, 2 Inert, 3 Amis, 17 Dodge.

Endorse, 4 Sortie, 5 Recalled, 6 Wrench, 10 Amateurs, 12 Treason, 13 Choose, 14 Treaty, 16 Amis, 17 Dodge.

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## COURT GRANTS COWIE APPEAL

An order was made by the Full Court yesterday that William Henry Cowie, in his action for damages for wrongful dismissal, be at liberty to say that he was not guilty of misconduct.

The order was contained in a judgment delivered by the Full Court comprising Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), on the appeal by Cowie against the decision of Mr. Justice Gould that he, Cowie, ought not to be allowed to say that he was not guilty of misconduct.

Cowie, who was formerly a Sub-Inspector of the Hong Kong Police, has brought an action against the Attorney General, as representing the Crown, for damages for wrongful dismissal from his employment in the Hong Kong Police Force.

Mr. B. A. Bernachi, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan of Messrs. Tso and Hodgson, is representing Cowie. The Attorney General, as representing the Crown, is represented by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor.

The judgment of the Full Court reads, in part, as follows: "The trial judge ordered that certain points of law should be set down for hearing and disposal before the trial of the issues of fact raised in the action."

"The particular point of law with which we are concerned in this appeal is raised by paragraph 4 of the amended statement of Defence which reads:

"4. The defendant says that the plaintiff ought not to be admitted to say that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in paragraph 7 of the statement of Claim because of the fact of the finding of the Board of Enquiry which is final as a matter of law and not the subject of appeal."

"This paragraph refers to paragraph 7 of the statement of Claim which reads:

**Outline Of Offence**

"7. On August 12, 1947, the plaintiff was held by a Departmental Board of Enquiry to have committed the offence of conduct calculated to bring the public service into disrepute by whilst on duty receiving \$50 from Chan Yu-long, a person with whom he had come into contact in the course of his duty requiring him to inspect vehicles that they were in a roadworthy condition."

"In order to appreciate the significance of these two paragraphs, it is necessary to refer briefly to the law which related at the time. In question, to the defendant was the Police Force of officers of Mr. Cowie's rank."

"Section 16 of the Police Force Ordinance 1932 provided that it should be lawful for the Governor, on the representation of the Inspector General, to dismiss any subordinate police officer for any refusal or neglect of duty or disobedience or misconduct or for any contravention of any of the provisions of the Ordinance or of any regulation or departmental order made thereunder."

"Section 12 of the same Ordinance authorised the Inspector General to make such regulations as he might consider necessary for the general government and discipline of the Force. Regulations were made under the latter section and were in force at the time of Mr. Cowie's dismissal."

"The argument in the court below on the point of law under consideration was devoted entirely to the question of whether the Board's decision gave rise to a plea of res judicata (a matter which has already been judicially determined) and the learned trial judge held that it did so."

**Not Final Decision**

"In his judgment, he also devoted himself to the question of whether the matter was res judicata. From that judgment, the present appeal has been lodged. Mr. Bernachi contending that the decision of the Board on the question of misconduct is not a final decision on that question, binding on his client and that it cannot therefore give rise to res judicata, and Mr. Lonsdale contending that the Board's decision is final and binding on the parties and one, therefore, which is sufficient to found a plea of res judicata."

"A plea of res judicata can only arise when more than one Court has jurisdiction to decide the particular issue but the effect of Mr. Lonsdale's construction would be that the law has declared that the Board, and only the Board, is to have power to pronounce on the question of misconduct and has given no appeal from its decision to the ordinary courts."

"It is stated in Maxwell, 9th edition at page 303 that if the subject is deprived of his right to resort to the Courts of Law of his country, it must be by express enactment and not by law."

After referring to the cases of Paul v. The Wheat Commission, 1937 A.C. 139 and Chester v. Bateson, 1920 1 K.B. 829, the judgment continued: "These cases show how jealously the right of access to the ordinary Courts is guarded in England, and be it noted that, in the second case, the Court was considering emergency legislation made in time of war when the people may be called upon to make some sacrifice of their constitutional liberties."

**Free From Ambiguity**

"Notwithstanding these decisions, the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts could, no doubt, be made thereunder."

## Stalin's 69th Birthday

Moscow, December 21. Marshal Josef Stalin is 69 years old today. From all recent reports he is hale and alert, despite his graying hair and arduous life.

The newspapers did not mention his birthday. There were no flags and no public observance. However, the front pages of newspapers made the annual display of letters to Stalin, pledging increased industrial and agricultural output.—Unit-Ed Press.

## Shanghai Man Gets Four Years

Chan Hin-wan, an unemployed man from Shanghai, was sentenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), to four years' hard labour.

Chan was found guilty by a jury of four men and three women on a charge of having, on August 18, unlawfully and maliciously wounded his former fiancée, Tsing Pui-ming, with intent to do her grievous bodily harm.

He was found not guilty on a charge of having, on the same date, unlawfully and maliciously wounded Wong Fuk with intent to do her grievous bodily harm. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Detective Inspector D. H. Taylor.

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## TEN SUMMONSES IN RENTS CASE

Ten summonses in respect of breach of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance were preferred against Mrs. Haia Bluestein by Mr. A. J. Clifford (instructed by Hastings & Co.) on behalf of three sub-tenants of 102 Waterloo Road, ground floor, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The summonses alleged that defendant, represented by Mr. Percy Chen (instructed by Ford & Kwan), received \$300 as rent from William McBride on April 15 and September 15, and failed to give McBride notice in writing as to rent payable by him.

It was also claimed that defendant received \$300 from Bryan Ernest Pye on April 25 and August 25 as rent, failed to give on June 25 notice to Pye as to rent payable by him, and failed to affix a notice stating rental payable by herself to the landlord and rents to be paid by the sub-tenants.

Defendant was also alleged to have received \$250 from Cornelia Johannes de Graaf on May 31 as rent for a small back room for a month from May 28, failed to affix notice as to rent payable by her, and failed to give Graaf notice in writing as to rental payable by him.

Before the hearing of the summonses, Mr. Clifford applied for further set of summonses to be served on defendant. Since the last set of summonses were issued, he said, defendant had adopted bullying tactics against his client by cutting off the gas altogether, stopping the amah from working for him, and removing the keys and making the position intolerable.

Opening his case, Mr. Clifford said that the principal tenant of 102 Waterloo Road, ground floor, was Mrs. Bluestein. Her son, Robert Bluestein, first moved into the premises in 1940 when the place needed a certain amount of repairs.

**Signed Agreement**

Bluestein signed an agreement with the landlord in February 1947 on the basis that if he repaired the premises he would be given the tenancy at a monthly rental of \$175.

According to what Mrs. Bluestein told Inspector T. J. Byron of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said Mr. Clifford, the repairs were completed in May of the cost of \$24,000 at which time defendant moved in. Although Mrs. Bluestein claimed to be in possession of receipts for the sums spent, she did not produce any.

In August, 1947, Robert Bluestein moved out and handed over the tenancy to defendant who became, to all intent and purposes, the principal tenant although rent receipts were still issued in the name of her son.

At the time the summonses were taken out, continued counsel,

## Dead Man Ate A Hearty Breakfast

Pescara, December 21. An Italian, 48-year-old Vincenzo Filoteo, certified dead 48 hours before and about to be buried, sat up at his funeral today and then collapsed at the sight of the coffin and candles.

Some mourners fled in panic.

Filoteo was found apparently dead in a lonely mountain farmhouse near Pescara.

After a message and medical attention he joined the doctor and mourners at what was to have been his funeral breakfast.

Filoteo said that he had dreamt he was going through a beautiful garden to the gate of Paradise, but an unknown person turned him away.—Reuter.

## PRISON FOR BROTHELKEEPERS

For keeping a brothel on the roof of No. 93 Lockhart Road, a woman, Chan Mui aged 26, was sentenced to three months by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Another woman, Tso Ping, aged 42, was similarly sentenced for keeping a brothel at the roof No. 16 Ship's Street.

A grand total of \$542 expenses a month.

In reply to Mr. Chen, witness agreed that houses in that district had been extensively looted during the Japanese occupation and that scarcely anything more than the bare shells were left standing.

Further hearing was provisionally adjourned for a month.

## Correct Rents

At the request of the solicitors for the complainants, Inspector Byron visited the premises on or about June 25 last and measured the floor. From his measurements, testified Inspector Byron, he would say that the correct rents should have been McBride \$141, Pye \$108, and Graaf \$108.

Inspector Byron explained that he came to the figures by adding up the principal rent (\$475), coolie's wages (\$10), average for electricity power and water (\$45), telephone (\$17) and gas (\$30) and the 20 per cent and the eight per cent on the amount expended on repairs permitted by law, making

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## SALAZAR SUPPORTERS IN DEMONSTRATION

Lisbon, December 21.

Two thousand supporters of the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Salazar, demonstrated tonight in favour of his nomination for the Presidential election.

This was the first public reaction of supporters of Dr. Salazar to the decision of 81-year-old General Luis Norton de Matos to stand as Opposition candidate—the first time in 22 years that anyone has come forward to oppose the President, Marshal Oscar Antonio Carmona.

Lately there have been persistent rumours that Dr. Salazar would be the Government's candidate in the elections.

While the Premier held a meeting at his party's headquarters tonight, a crowd gathered outside shouting: "We want Salazar only." He was cheered wildly when he made two appearances at a window.

### Free Elections

General Luis Norton de Matos announced today that he would

withdraw his name if he did not receive guarantees that the elections in February would be completely free.

General Matos told a press conference here he was sure of victory by a large majority provided the elections are completely free.

He said he had demanded full liberty to conduct his electoral propaganda campaign, including a complete lifting of the press censorship, and had been assured by the Portuguese Premier, Dr. Salazar that he would have "sufficient liberty" in this respect from January 3.

General de Matos added he had made two conditions which must be met if the elections were to be regarded as free: (1) That the Government should reveal, at the time of the elections, the percentage of the electorate which had gone to the polls. (2) That Opposition representatives should be present when the votes are counted.

General de Matos said five weeks was very little time for an electoral campaign considering the fact that the Presidential elections on February 13 are the first in 22 years to be apparently free.—Reuter.

## Eire And Unity Of Empire

Dublin, December 21.

Mr. John Costello, Eire's Prime Minister, told Reuters after the signing of the Ireland Bill today: "The Republic will make clear to the world Eire's international position and give proof of unity and good will towards the Commonwealth."

The Bill, severing Eire's last links with the British Crown, was signed without ceremony by the President, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, in the Presidential residence, formerly the home of the Viceroys in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, witnessed the signing of the Bill which will not become operative until the Government fixes a date in a few months' time.

Mr. Gerald Boland, ex-Minister of Justice in the ousted Finna Foll Government, told a meeting on Sunday that the party had not wanted a complete break with the Commonwealth although they had voted for the Bill.

They wanted to have a bridge over which the Northern Ireland people could come into a united Ireland.

People were wondering, he said, if the Republic were merely a phase before Eire returned to the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

## P. And O. Ship's Maiden Voyage

London, December 21.

The Peninsula and Orient Shipping Company announced today that a new 9,000-ton motorship, the Somali, would leave England early in January on its maiden voyage to the Far East. The third of four ships of her class to enter the service between Britain, Europe, Malaya, China and Japan, the Somali will call at Genoa, Port Said, Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

Two ships of the class already in service are the Soudan and the Surt. The fourth vessel, the Shillong, should be ready in February.

Mainly cargo liners, these ships can accommodate 12 passengers.—Reuter.

## Pope Receives Mr. Royall

Rome, December 22.

Pope Pius XII yesterday received in private audience Mr. Kenneth Royall, the United States Secretary for the Army.

Mr. Royall arrived in Rome on Monday night after visiting military installations in Greece and Turkey. He plans to leave on Wednesday for Trieste, Vienna and Berlin to inspect American troops and installations.

Following his audience with the Pope, Mr. Royall called on the Italian Defence Minister, Rinaldo Ossola. He left later for Naples where he is due to confer with the Mediterranean fleet commanders.—Associated Press.

## Korea As Bastion Of Democracy

Washington, December 22.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul Hoffman, today said the new Republic of Korea might very well become a bastion of democracy in the Far East.

He made the statement to reporters who met him at the National Airport here upon his return from a 13-day flying trip to Korea, China, Japan and Europe.

Mr. Hoffman said the Economic Co-operation Administration expects to take over the U.S. Army's economic aid programme in Korea some time between January 1 and March 15.

He declined to discuss what he termed controversial matters, including a question as to whether Korean recovery aid would be emphasised because of the critical situation in China.

"There is a very good chance that Korea can be built into a bastion of democracy," he said.

"Korea may soon be with new importance from now on."

The Army has earmarked about \$5125,000,000 for Korean economic aid for the year ending next June 30, he said, and added that he understood there had been heavy spending to date.

As a result, he did not know how much could be left for ECA to carry the programme through June.

The Administrator said he would confer with President Truman tomorrow, giving a report on his trip with the accent on the current Chinese situation.—United Press.

## BERLIN CRISIS

# WESTERN ALLIES FORM MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Berlin, December 21.

Britain, France and the United States today formally established a three-power Military Government to run their sectors of Berlin.

General Jean Ganeval, the French sector Commandant, announced the Western powers' decision. He said the Soviet refusal to attend meetings of the four-power Administration—they walked out six months ago—cannot be allowed any longer to obstruct the proper administration of Berlin.

The door was left open for the Soviets to join in a four-power Commandatura again if they decide to abide by the agreement to which the four powers are committed.

Today's announcement was not expected to make much real difference to the administration of the Western sectors, since the Commandants have been meeting regularly to co-ordinate their actions ever since the Russian walk-out.

Frau Louise Schroeder, the Deputy Western Lord Mayor, told Reuters: "The formation of the new Commandatura is in accordance with the wishes of the City Administration."

"I personally should be very glad if the Soviet Administration were to decide one day to co-operate with the new Commandatura and the legally-elected Administration," she added.

### Silly Rumours

Earlier today, General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor of Germany, described reports that the Western powers intended to remilitarise the Western Zone as silly and unfounded.

He told a press conference: "I regard it as significant that these statements have followed closely upon the foundation of the new German police force in the Soviet Zone and it is not difficult to guess their source."

"Our disarmament and demilitarisation policy speaks for itself," he added.

Declaring that the Western authorities had insisted on small police forces, General Robertson said: "It would be naive to believe that after all we have done in the matter of disarmament we should tolerate the resurgence in the guise of a police force, of any kind of military formation."

"The Germans have a good sized job on their hands in rebuilding the peace economy of Germany. Let them get on with it and we shall do our best to help."

### Soviet Force

"In my opinion the Soviet Zone police force is excessive in numbers and in arms, and not consistent with Allied agreements on disarmament."

General Robertson said he by no means believed that economic disaster was just around the corner for Western Germany.

"Coal production has gone forward and has now reached 325,000 tons per day, the high level of ingot-steel production is maintained and the export figures for October and November show that the increase which started last summer still continues."

Commenting on reports that the airlift to Berlin faced a crisis at the end of January, he stated: "The airlift has gone according

## Communist Threat In Italy

Rome, December 22.

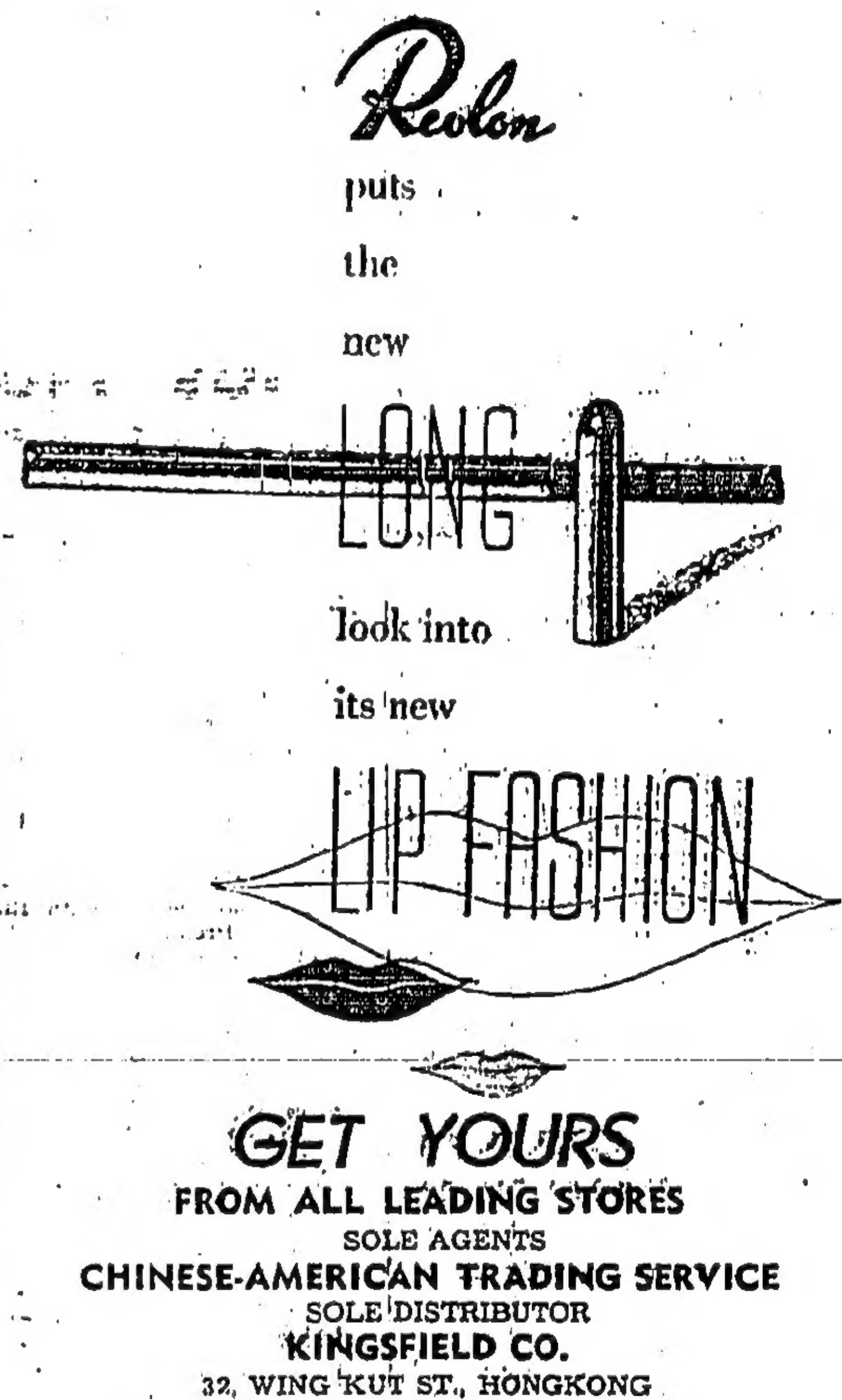
Communists last night threatened swift retaliation if Italy's Government acts against strikers.

The Communist Labour chief, Giuseppe Di Vittorio, warned in the press that the Leftists new protest would be far tougher than Monday's 24-hour strike of railway men and other state workers.

Di Vittorio heads the Communist-dominated Confederation (CGIL) which ordered Monday's strike for higher wages. It cost the Government an estimated 1,000,000,000 lire in lost rail revenue and spoiled goods.

The strike failed seriously to cripple postal, telegraph and other public services.

The Cabinet meets today. Informal sources said it may take sanctions against workers who obeyed the strike call and draft an emergency plan to militarise Government communications workers in event of another walk out.—Associated Press.



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# AMERICA MAY STOP ECA AID TO DUTCH

## INDONESIA DYNAMITE FOR EAST

Washington, December 21. The Republican Representative, Mr. Walter Judd, declared to the United Press today that the Indonesian warfare represents dynamite for the entire Far East.

He added that colonial warfare furnishes the best possible weapon for Russian propagandists who will gain the aid of the United States and China from the whole world's indignation.

Mr. Judd explained that pro-war Japan exploited the idea of "Asia for Asians" and said: "While Japan herself was defeated the idea still lives in the hearts of many citizens of the Orient. What Japan really meant, of course, was Asia for Japan, and what Russia will mean is Asia for the Russians. But Asians will not know that because Russia will be much cleverer about her aims than was Japan."

The Congressman compared the Indonesian situation with China when he claimed, the United States "should be sending aid to the National Government."

He said: "At the same time we are supporting the Dutch with recovery programme and while they are waging warfare in Indonesia, I do not say now that we should cut the Dutch out of ECA aid, but it will be interesting to see if we will support Europeans whose higher Asiatic policy will be a support to the Chinese who are fighting Chinese." United Press.

## "ECA Funds Not Used For War"

Washington, December 21.

The Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Eelco van Kleffens, today asserted that American recovery dollars were not being used to finance the invasion of Indonesia.

"This is on guilders, not on dollars," said Mr. van Kleffens. Leaving after an hour long talk with the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett), the Ambassador told newsmen he had never heard of the possibility that the Netherlands might be cut off from further Marshall Plan aid unless she withdrew her troops from Indonesia.

He said all funds received by his Government under the Marshall Plan were devoted purely to rehabilitation purposes.

"I believe the ERP programme has good supervision and the money did not go into armaments," he added.

Asked how long his Government could finance the invasion without dipping into recovery funds, he replied: "For quite a time."

Mr. van Kleffens said Mr. Lovett clarified the position of the United States in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, but the envoy de-

Washington, December 22.

Government officials are studying the idea of using Marshall Plan millions as a wedge to settle the shooting war in Indonesia.

These officials indicated that if the Netherlands should defy a cease fire order, which may be forthcoming from the United Nations, then the United States might pigeonhole the Dutch requests for further American dollar credits.

Possible resort to this line of action is under study at both the State Department and at Economic Co-operation Administration. Headquarters although officially there is no stated threat to use it.

So far this year a total of \$298,504,075 in the Marshall Plan (ECA) funds has been allocated to the Netherlands, plus \$61,790,950 to the Netherlands East Indies.

The Dutch ambassador, Van Kleffens, denied to newsmen that any ECA funds have been used to arm Dutch troops. But he made it clear that his Government is alert to the possibility of American aid being sealed down or cut off entirely.

The Indonesian envoy, Dr. D. Soemarto, told reporters that the Dutch are diverting ECA dollars in Indonesia "for the purpose of waging a colonial war against freedom loving people."

Van Kleffens received an outline of the American objections to the Dutch "police action" at a conference with the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.

### Not Living Up To Terms

The Ambassador said afterwards that ECA aid is needed only to make up for a Netherlands shortage of dollar exchange, and declared that his country could finance a military campaign for quite some time with available resources in guilder currency alone.

The ECA Act approved by Congress to set up the European Recovery Programme lacks specific authority for the ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, to cut off aid to the Dutch as a punitive measure alone, officials said.

But the Netherlands and other participating countries signed bilateral agreements to carry out the recovery purpose of the legislation, and it might be regretted that the Dutch are not living up to the terms.

American officials agree that the Dutch have played directly into Communist hands by resorting to force against the Indonesian Republic.

They see a chance that the Communist and the Nationalists in Indonesia now will patch up their bitter fight and unite in a guerrilla war of resistance against the Dutch invasion.

### U.S. Annoyance

These officials said that if this does happen Communist movements throughout South East Asia will reap a propaganda harvest. It is no secret that the Communist have been trying to identify Communism with native independence movements.

Privately many American officials are annoyed that the Dutch went ahead with their "police action" in disregard of United States insistence that they keep trying for a peaceful settlement with the Indonesian leaders.

Informed quarters predict the United States would make a determined effort to repair the damage. Presumably, the first step will be to try to get the Dutch to withdraw their troops from Indonesia.

Reports from Paris said the United Nations Security Council would ask the Dutch to make such a demand when the Council meets to take up the Indonesian question tomorrow. If that fails the United States may consider taking separate steps to put pressure on the Dutch.

Officials decline to speculate on the possibility that this pressure might take the form of reduced Marshall plan aid to Holland. Associated Press and United Press.

### HOLLAND-ZONAL AGREEMENTS

Frankfurt, December 21. Western Germany will receive 27,466,357 worth of Dutch goods under a new trade agreement between Holland and the Bizzone announced here today.

Holland in return will receive 24,204,750 worth of West German goods. West Germany will send machinery, electrical materials and agricultural products in exchange for fresh vegetables and other foodstuffs, tobacco, chemicals, metal and rubber. —Reuter.

## Big Storm In Small Teapot

Washington, December 21. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said here today that he considered the controversy between Britain, Holland and Belgium and the Economic Co-operation Administration over the resale of aluminum shipments a very big tempest in a very small teapot.

Mr. Hoffman refused all further comment. He told newspapermen that he had not discussed the aluminum question with President Truman, whom he had seen earlier. —Reuter.

## ROME DECLARES A NEW SAINT

London, December 22.

Radio Vatican reports that the Blessed Joan of Valois, a 15th-century Queen of France, will be declared a saint in the holy year as a result of a decree read before the Pope today approving miracles wrought by her intercession.

The final decree will be granted in the case of the Blessed Joan in St. Peter's Basilica during 1950. Joan of Valois was repudiated by her husband, King Louis XII of France, and retired to found the Order of the Sisters of the Annunciation in 1500.

A decree was also read today approving miracles for the beatification—the preliminary stage of canonisation—of the Venerable Anna Maria Jabouret who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny in France in the last century. —Reuter.

## Church's Warning On Indonesia

New York, December 22.

The general Synod of the Netherlands Reformed Church today announced that it sent a letter to the Dutch Government recently regarding Indonesia.

The letter warned that to seek a solution by force of arms would inevitably lead to very great difficulties in the future.

The announcement was made through Dr. Henry Smith, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, who commented: "The Dutch Reformed Church, in opposing armed intervention in Indonesia, is putting into action ideas expressed by the study section on the Church and social order of the Friday Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam this summer."

He said the Synod's letter concluded: "The essential thing is that all those who bear responsibility should realise they must help create an attitude of independent responsibility allowing the peoples of Indonesia, including the

## ADVERSE COMMENT ON NETHERLANDS ACTION

London, December 22.

The Dutch action in Indonesia continues to meet with adverse comment in various parts of the world.

The Washington Post says the Dutch contention that it is a domestic matter cannot be supported except on narrow and highly unreal grounds.

"The consequences of what happens in the Netherlands East Indies are of very grave concern to the United States," the paper says.

"No doubt the desire of the Indonesian Republic for a peaceful settlement has been more evident in words than in deeds. But the Dutch attempt to kill the United Nations Good Offices Committee good-bye sits as poorly on the tongue as sudden resumption of police action while the Committee was still at work."

Other reactions:—The New York Star: "To the Dutch, self-rule for colonial peoples is all right for everybody but Dutch possessions. It is time Washington and the United Nations talk like Dutch uncles and make it stick."

The New York Post: "Holland has embarked on a program of might makes right. An act of open aggressive warfare, a naked attack, however understandable in terms of Dutch economy, can only serve to alienate Asia even more disastrously from the West."

Copenhagen:—Danish employees at Kastrup airport—one of Europe's largest—warned that they may boycott all Dutch planes if the Danish Government does not protest to Holland against the Indonesian events.

Baghdad:—The Iraq Government protested "the aggressive Dutch actions against the Indonesian Republic." The protest was unanimously approved by Parliament.

### Manila Statement

Cairo:—Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said: "The Dutch action has been encouraged by the United Nations' indifference to the exigencies of justice. Holland has become convinced that the best means of carrying out her imperialism is the use of force and the fait accompli."

Chicago:—A small demonstration of protest was staged outside the Dutch Consulate.

Manila:—Eleven members of the Philippine House of Representatives issued a statement favouring immediate aid to the Indonesian Republic. —United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

## British Businessmen Accused

Karachi, December 22.

Tamizuddin Khan, President of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, today accused certain sections of British businessmen of trying to maintain the monopoly of trade and business with Pakistan.

Tamizuddin Khan said he hoped the British Government would realise the narrowness of the attitude of these men who do not want Pakistan to develop industrially.

Membership of the British Commonwealth did not imply the curtailment of trade with the Soviet Union, which would be a detrimental condition, the President said.

"If our independence can be jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth we shall never think of associating with it but in the present era it is not possible to remain in isolation," he concluded. —Reuter.

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It is one of those measures which a free and enlightened people might accept in time of emergency, as in war, provided the normal safeguards of democracy were always on guard to prevent its abuse. It requires any person not on the register who wishes to teach in a school to make application to the Director of Education to do so. The director, if he approves, may impose conditions as to the subjects which the teacher may take. He may also refuse permission, or withdraw at any time any permission previously granted, or remove anyone from the register of teachers.

Further, if it appears to the Governor-in-Council "that it is prejudicial to the interests of the Colony or of the Commonwealth or of the public or of the pupils," that any school should be registered, or that it should be managed by an undesirable person or taught by an undesirable teacher, then summary action can be taken.

The persons concerned will be required to show cause why they should not be refused permission to teach or manage, or why the school should not be struck off the register. The now-familiar reversal of the democratic principle that a person is innocent until proved guilty. Here one has to disprove nebulous charges against one, although no concrete evidence can be produced. True, any accused person may go before the Governor-in-Council to listen to the grounds on which it is proposed to take action, but if the authorities are "satisfied" about their own decision, "such order shall be final." No right of appeal whatsoever is allowed for in the Bill. Shades of Hitler and Stalin!

To be fair to the powers that be, one must believe that in a chaotic age, in an area riddled with Communist propaganda and the actuality of war, a centre like Hong Kong should safeguard itself against the weakening seepage of foreign fifth-column ideas into the minds of its children. Cleverly-placed Moscow trained teachers could play havoc with the future of this Colony. No Briton of 1948 who has thought about the matter can object to such measures, which may be the difference between liberty and licence—provided effective safe-

To avoid stalemate and to attain the position of power and mobility required to destroy the German forces, we planned, following upon any breakout, to push forward on a broad front, with priority on the left. Thus we would gain, at the earliest possible date, use of the enormously important ports of Belgium. This advance would also overrun the areas in which we knew some mysterious "secret weapons" were being installed, and at the same time we would directly threaten the Ruhr. It was additionally planned, from the start, to advance in the direction of the Saar, so far as this would be possible after assuring the capture of the Belgian ports and the arrival of the left at a location to threaten the Ruhr. The enemy would be sensitive about the safety of the Saar Basin, while our own forces, pushing in that direction, would soon connect with the invasion planned to come up from the South through the Rhine Valley. This linking up of our whole front was mandatory and would have several great and obvious advantages. It would liberate France. It would open up for us a great additional line of communication to insure the rapid arrival of troops from America and the sufficiency of their supply. Finally, it would cut off whatever German troops might remain behind the point of junction, so as to eliminate them from the war. This would allow us to use all our troops in facing and fighting the enemy and would prevent the costliness of establishing long defensive flanks along which our troops could have nothing but negative, static missions.

If all these movements should prove successful, we next had to look forward to the final destruction of the enemy who would then, presumably, be defending the Siegfried Line and the Rhine River. In May 1944 we calculated that we could count on the forces which we were counting we would probably have sixty-eight strong divisions available to us, not including divisions from the Mediterranean, when the time came to make our decisive thrust across the Rhine. Allotting thirty-five of these to the advance on the axis, Antwerp—Maastricht—Liège—Ruhr, which, according to administrative estimates, was the maximum number that could be sustained along that channel of invasion, would leave us some thirty-three plus those introduced through the South of France for other operations along the long line from West on the Rhine all the way South to Switzerland. Consequently, unless we could eliminate the Siegfried, we would be able to do little more than to defend along the front, South of the Ruhr. With all the advantages the enemy would thus enjoy, he could concentrate almost all his will for strong counterattack.

However, this prospect would be completely changed provided we could gain the line of the Rhine substantially throughout its entire length. Once this was done we would enjoy a comparative degree of safety throughout the theatre that would permit the assignment of offensive roles to practically our entire force instead of only to the thirty-five divisions that could be sustained along the one route North of the Ruhr. There were other considerations dictating the wisdom of gaining the whole length of the Rhine before launching a final assault on interior Germany. Our objective was the destruction of the German armed forces. If we could overwhelmingly defeat the enemy West of the river it was certain that the means available to him for later defence of the Rhine would be meagre indeed; Soviet forces had already entered Belgium and much of the German strength would be tied down to meet future Russian offensives on the Eastern front. Finally, if we could not destroy the German armies West of the Rhine, obstacle, where our own supply lines would be as short as possible, how could we expect to do it East of the Rhine, where this advantage would not be ours?

General Bradley and Patton, along with my entire staff, always concurred in these planning views for advances both through the Metz gap and North of the Ardennes. Proceeding to the next step from this one, we reasoned that the Ruhr, which we expected to be defended by the strongest forces the enemy could provide, would be best reduced by a double envelopment. To achieve it we planned to make the Northern attack as strong as the lines of communication would sustain, and the Frankfurt attack as strong as remaining resources would permit. We believed further that once these two attacks had joined in the vicinity of Kassel, East of the Ruhr, there would be no hope, in the military sense, remaining to Germany. In any event we believed that, once es-

guards are guaranteed. In the ordinance which passed its first reading yesterday there is no such safeguard, no right of appeal beyond the persons who proposed the "sentence" in the first place. It is far from being a measure which should be accepted in its present form.

From time to time during the spring months staff officers from Washington arrived at my headquarters to give me the latest calculations concerning German progress in the development of new weapons, including as possible substitutes bacteriological and atomic weapons. These reports were highly secret and were invariably delivered to me by word of mouth. I was told that American scientists were making progress in these two important types and that as a result of their own experience they were able to make shrewd guesses concerning some of the details of similar German activity. All of this information was supplemented by the periodic reports of intelligence agencies in London. In addition, aerial photographs were scrutinized with the greatest care in order to discover new installations that would apparently be useful only in some new kind of warfare.

The finest scientific brains in both Britain and America were called upon to help us in evaluation and in making estimates of probabilities. Our only effective counteraction, during the preliminary months of 1944, was by bombing. We sent intermittent

**Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe**

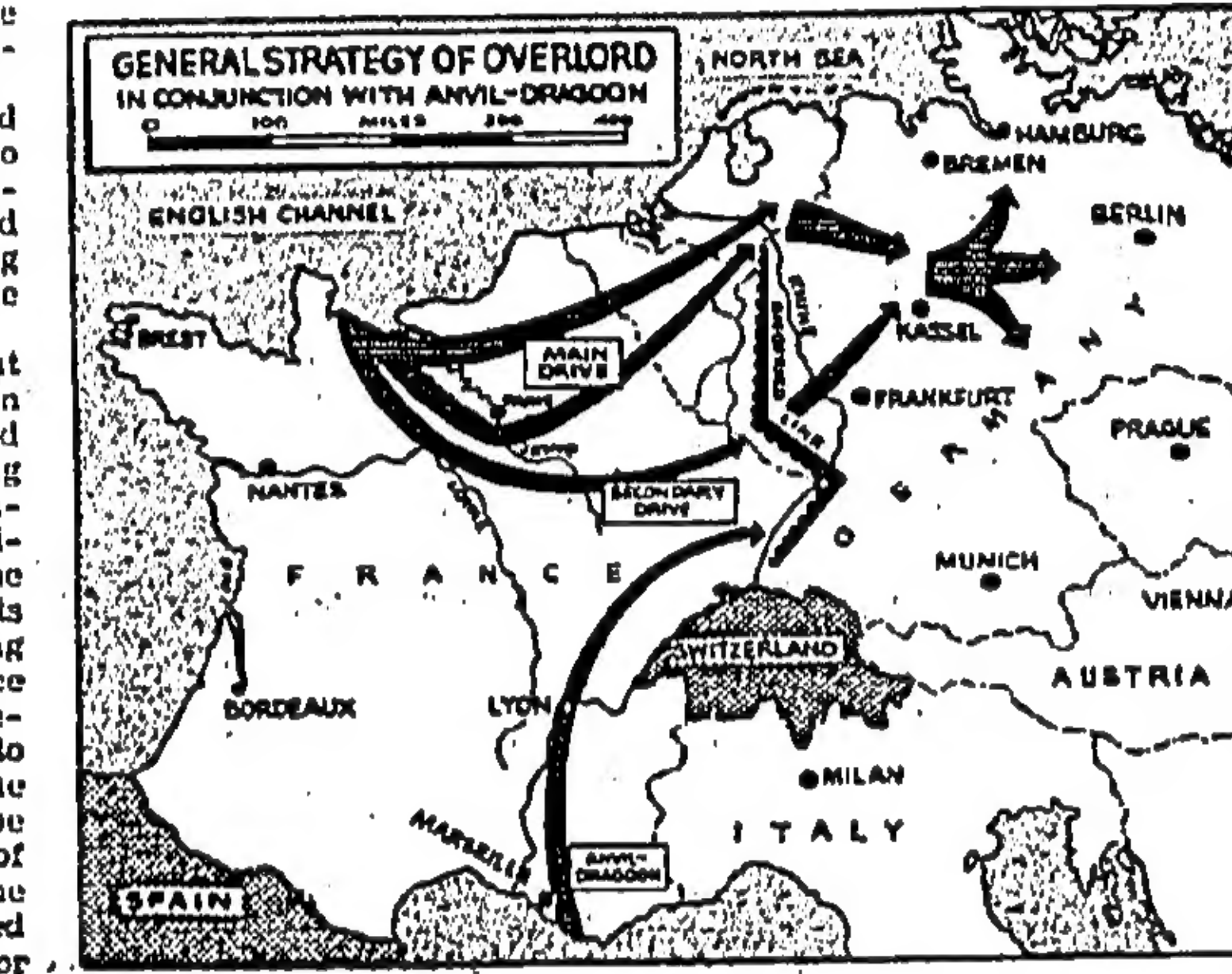
established in the Kassel region, we could easily thrust out offensively on our flanks. This would mean the end of the war in Europe. All these successive moves with possible alternatives were the subjects of long discussions but the general plan approved as the outline of the operation we intended to conduct was:

Land on the Normandy coast. Build up the resources needed for a decisive battle in the Normandy-Brittany region and break out of the enemy's encircling positions. (Land operations in the first two phases were to be under the tactical direction of Montgomery.)

Pursue on a broad front with two army groups, emphasising the left to gain necessary ports and reach the boundaries of Germany and threaten the Ruhr. On our right we would link up with the forces that were to invade France from the South.

Build up our new base along the Western border of Germany, securing ports in Belgium and in Brittany as well as in the Mediterranean.

While building up our forces for the final battles, keep up an unrelenting offensive to the ex-



tent of our means, both to wear down the enemy and to gain advantages for the final fighting. Complete the destruction of enemy forces West of the Rhine, in the meantime constantly seeking bridgeheads across the river. Launch the final attack as a double envelopment of the Ruhr, again emphasising the left, and follow this up by an immediate thrust through Germany, with the specific direction to be determined at the time.

Clean out the remainder of Germany.

The general plan, carefully outlined at staff meetings before D-day, was never abandoned, even momentarily, throughout the campaign.

The timing of the operation was a difficult matter to decide. At Tehran the President and the Prime Minister had promised Generalissimo Stalin that the attack would start in May but we were given to understand that any date selected in that period of the year would fulfil the commitments made by our two political leaders.

In order to obtain the maximum length of good campaigning weather, the earlier the attack could be launched the better. Another factor in favour of an early attack was the continuing and frantic efforts of the German to strengthen his coastal defences. Because of weather conditions in the Channel, May was the earliest date that a landing attempt could be successfully undertaken and the first favourable combination of tides and sunrise occurred early in the month. Thus early May was the original and tentatively selected target date.

Alarming intelligence reports concerning the progress of the Germans in developing new long-range weapons of great destructive capacity also indicated the advisability of attacking early.

Two considerations, one of them decisive in character, combined to postpone the target date from May to June. The first and important one was our insistence that the attack be on a larger scale than that originally planned by the staff assembled in London under Lieutenant General Frederick Morgan. He was an extraordinarily fine officer and had, long before my arrival, won the high admiration and respect of General Marshall. I soon came to place an equal value upon his qualifications. He had in the months preceding my arrival accomplished a mass of detailed planning, accumulation of data, and gathering of supply that made D-day possible. My ideas were supported by General Morgan personally but he had been compelled to develop his plan on the basis of a fixed number of ships, landing craft, and other resources. Consequently he had no recourse except to work out an attack along a three-division front, whereas I insisted upon five and informed the Combined Chiefs of Staff that we had to have the additional landing craft and other gear essential to the

large operation, even if this meant delaying the assault by a month. To this the Combined Chiefs of Staff agreed.

Another factor that made the later date a desirable one was the degree of dependence we were placing upon the preparatory effort of the air force. An early attack would provide the air force with only a minimum opportunity for pinpoint bombing of critical transportation centres in France, whereas the improved weather anticipated for the month of May would give them much more time and better opportunity to impede the movement of German reserves and demolish German defences along the coast line. The virtual destruction of critical points on the main roads and railroads leading into the selected battle area was a critical feature of the battle plan. Nevertheless, acceptance of the later date was disappointing. We wanted all the summer weather we could get for the European campaign.

Along with the general plan of operations we thoroughly considered means of deceiving the enemy as to the point and timing of attack. Our purpose was to convince him that we intended to strike directly across the Channel at its narrowest point, against the stronghold of Calais. In many ways great advantages would have accrued to us could we have successfully attacked in this region. Not only were the beaches the best along the coast, they were closest to the British ports and to the German border. The enemy, fully appreciating these facts kept strong forces in the area and fortified that particular section of coast line more strongly than any other. The defences were so strong that none of us believed that a successful assault from the sea could be made except at such terrific cost that the whole expedition might itself be helpless to accomplish anything of a positive character after it got ashore. But we counted upon the enemy believing that we would be tempted into this operation, and the wide variety of measures we took for convincing him were given extraordinary precedence by high intelligence division.

The completely secret attack against Southern France had long been considered by General Marshall and me, at least as an integral and necessary feature of the main invasion across the English Channel. I supposed that all principal commanders and the Combined Chiefs of Staff were solidly together on this point. Our studies in London, however, soon demonstrated that, even with a June date of attack, the Allies did not have enough landing craft and other facilities to mount simultaneously both the cross-Channel and the Mediterranean attacks in the strength we wanted.

The United States was at that time committed to offensive action in the Pacific and the necessary additional craft could not be diverted from that theatre. In the face of this, General Montgomery proposed the complete abandonment of the attack on Southern France, which then had the code name of Anvil. He wrote to me on February 21, 1944: "I recommend very strongly that we now throw the whole weight of our opinion into the scales against Anvil." I refused to go along with this view. But it became clear that there was no other recourse except to delay the Southern attack for a sufficient time to permit ships and craft first to operate in Overlord and then to proceed to the Mediterranean for participation in that battle. We concluded that this arrangement was not especially disadvantageous.



ous; at least it was far better than cancellation. The presence of Allied troops in the Mediterranean would prevent the German troops completely evacuating his troops from Southern France, while, if he gradually drained that area, our later advance from the South would be much speedier. Consequently we agreed upon the delay in the Southern attack with the recommendation that it be made as soon after July 15 as was feasible.

Our scheme for employing the air force in preparation for the great assault encountered very earnest and sincere opposition, especially on the political level. To demolish the key bridges, freight yards, and main rail arteries of France would inevitably result in casualties among the French population. Even though we planned, in the case of large cities, to disrupt communications by bombing critical points surrounding the locality, instead of within the highly populated centres, some statisticians calculated that the plan would cost at least 80,000 French lives. Such a catastrophe was of course likely to embitter the French nation; the Prime Minister and many of his subordinates insisted that some other way must be found to employ the air force in support of the attack. The Prime Minister was genuinely shaken by the fearful picture presented to him by opponents of our idea, and his appeals to me were correspondingly urgent and appealing. He said: "Pastor France must be one of humanitarianism. It is also a question of high state policy."

My own air commanders and I challenged the accuracy of the statisticians' figures. We anticipated losses of not more than a fraction of 80,000—particularly because we planned to issue both general and specific warnings to the inhabitants. We used every possible means repeatedly to tell the French and Belgians to move away from critical points in the threatened system. More than this, we planned every raid we planned to warn inhabitants, by radio and by leaflet, to evacuate temporarily the areas selected for that attack. We could afford to give these definite warnings because of our knowledge that we had hadly weakened the strength of the German Air Force and because we knew that the enemy could not have anti-aircraft in sufficient quantities to cover, on short notice, every critical spot in the transportation system of France. The plan had to be so arranged that it did not, by its general pattern, reveal the area selected for assault. Consequently, in furtherance of our deception plans, we invariably chose some targets in the Chalais area for heavy bombing simultaneously with every critical raid.

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# WASHINGTON ORDER TO "SUSPEND" OPERATIONS IN CHINA AID PLAN

Washington, December 22.

The \$70,000,000 reconstruction programme in China by the Economic co-operation Administration has been ordered halted until the situation clears in that strife-torn country.

The Administrator, Paul G. Hoffman, announced the decision yesterday — eleven days after Mme. Chiang Kai-shek made an urgent appeal to President Truman for even greater help to China against the Communists.

Mr. Hoffman's announcement came after he had talked with Mr. Truman on China and Korea.

At the same time the State Department reported that China by last week had used all but about \$6,500,000 of the \$125,000,000 Congress allotted for military aid. By December 17, withdrawals totalled \$118,496,416. In addition the Treasurer had paid out \$1,221,747 on order of the Chinese Government for arms and supplies.

Mr. Hoffman said his decision on reconstruction was reached recently in Shanghai. He indicated ECA would go ahead with other phases of the \$400,000,000 China programme, notably food, so long as terms of the ECA Act are met.

Reconstruction projects suspended include war shattered transportation systems and docks. The \$70,000,000 programme was part of the \$275,000,000 Congress voted for all kinds of economic aid plus the military forces.

## Planning Stopped

ECA has decided even to stop most of the engineering planning which involves about \$1,000,000 of the \$70,000,000. Exceptions will be a few isolated cases in which no money would be saved by stopping the planning.

## Foul Play In Duggan Tragedy?

New York, December 21.

Karl Mundt, acting Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, said today he believed there is a slight possibility that foul play was involved in the death of Laurence Duggan, a former State Department official who crashed to his death from his office window last night.

Duggan was alleged to have been concerned in a Communist spy ring. Mr. Mundt said that police should investigate the possibility as it might lead directly to the Communist espionage conspirators.

After Duggan crashed to his death from his office window, a widow emphatically upheld that he was a loyal American citizen. She denied completely and totally that her husband was a Communist. She said she had supplied him with information.

Both she and her husband knew before last night that Duggan's name had been involved in the proceedings before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee, she said, adding: "We just scoffed at the whole thing."

After Hiss, a State Department official prominent in the current investigation, told reporters today that Duggan was a victim of persecution. He had been a very good friend and was an honest, straightforward person, he said.

## TIGHTENING UP IN THE BERLIN SECTORS

Berlin, December 21.

A tightening up of their organisation was called for today by German leaders in Western and Eastern Berlin.

In the Western sector, the Berlin Social Democratic Party has ordered all its members occupying official posts in the Soviet sector to refuse to sign any declarations of support for the Eastern City Administration without regard to their economic situation.

"Members who cannot accept this decision must take the same action as they took under the fascist regime and withdraw from political life," an official statement of policy said.

This action, they must resign from the Social Democratic Party.

In the Soviet sector, Herr Friedrich Ebert, Mayor of East Berlin, warned employees of the East sector City Council and establishments that he would take a strong line against all those who did not support the

aims of the East City Council. The East City Council would like the closest co-operation with the workers of the Soviet Union and intends to assimilate Berlin completely with the Soviet zone.

A meeting of 1,500 postmen in the British sector today called for the dismissal of all Communist postmen employed in West Berlin.

This they said, would create jobs for hundreds of postmen sacked in the Soviet sector because they would not give declarations of loyalty to the Soviet-sponsored Eastern Magistrat.—Reuter.

## HOLD-UP CHARGE

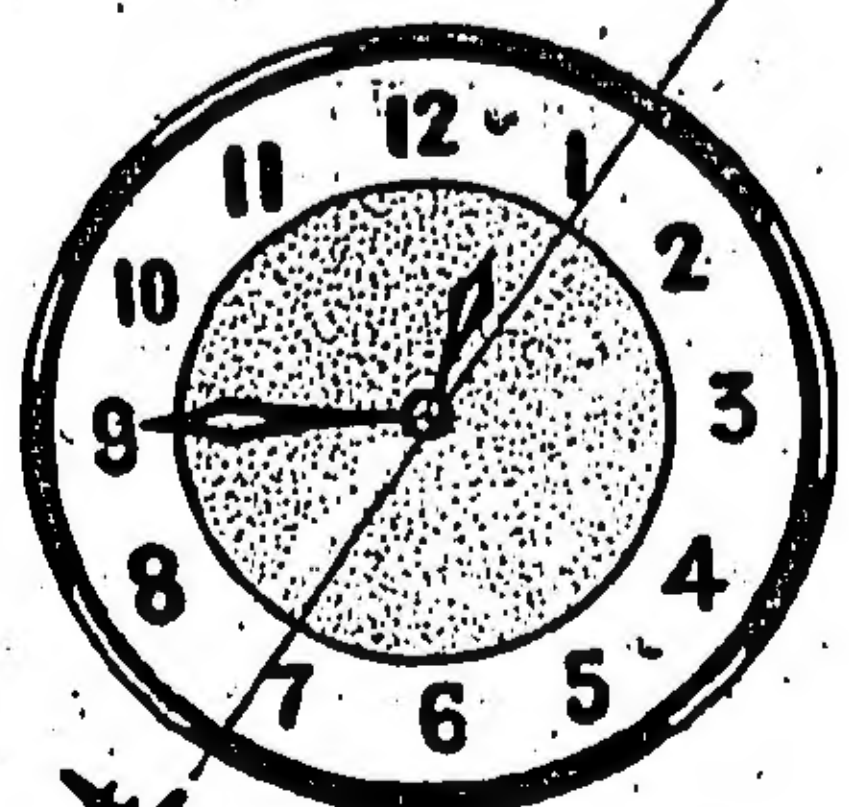
Chan Kit, aged 24, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with demanding money with menaces from Leung Wing-tak at the Southern Play-ground on November 10, 17 and 19.

On the application of the prosecution the case was remanded for 48 hours.

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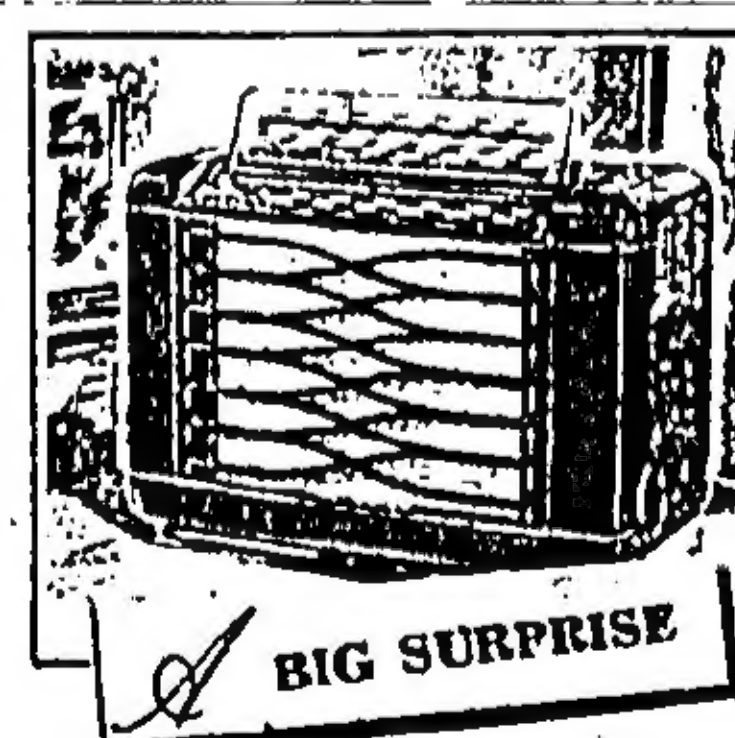
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## Confiscation Of Wealth Of Refugees

Nanking, December 22.

The Legislative Yuan today adopted an emergency resolution protesting against what it called the arbitrary confiscation of gold bullion and foreign currency from evacuees to Canton and Taiwan.

Legislators demanded an explanation from the Executive Yuan why Shanghai customs officers had confiscated from evacuees bullion and currency exceeding two ounces of gold and US\$100.

They claimed that it was legal under the existing legislation for travellers in other parts of China to possess gold bars and foreign currency but illegal only to trade with them.—Reuter-AAP.

## Nazareth Broadcast

Tel Aviv, December 21.

The Jewish State Broadcasting station "Kol Israel" will make a special Christmas broadcast from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The Church, according to tradition, was built on the site of the Jewish Synagogue where Jesus used to pray.

A Jewish military spokesman said today that the Israeli Chief of Staff had ordered all unit commanders to grant a special Christmas leave of four days to all Christian volunteers in the ranks of the Israeli Army. They number between 70 and 80.

Special ration of meat, chicken, pork, white flour and sweets have been granted to Christian communities throughout Israel. The black-out and curfew restrictions in Arab towns are to be lifted and religious services held even in prisoner of war camps.—Reuter.

## Successful Tests Of New Drug

London, December 21.

Four years of research by British and American scientists has resulted in successful tests of a new drug, chloromycetin which experts say will reduce scrub typhus, which killed thousands of Allied troops in the Far East to a trivial risk.

The last stage of the research was carried out in Malaya by an American army team with Dr. Lewthwaite and Dr. S. R. Savodon of the Malaya Institute for Medical Research.

Because of the increasing tempo of experiments with this new drug in efforts to combat scrub typhus, research laboratories in Malaya had to make urgent calls for mice.

At one period of the experiments, there was such a shortage that cables were sent to Melbourne, London and Manila. As a result 1,500 mice arrived by air within a few days.

The quest for the drug began at Yale University where Dr. Paul Burkholder experimented with a mould collected from soil in Venezuela and from it isolated an

extract that showed anti-bacterial properties. He referred this extract to research laboratories of Parke Davis and Company of Detroit. Later Dr. J. E. Smadel of the American Army Medical School, carried out experiments with the new drug and as a result, Americans asked permission to test the drug on human scrub typhus in Malaya in March, 1948.

A United States Army Medical unit flew to Malaya, taking with it the world supply of chloromycetin—it weighed just one pound. Within 24 hours they were treating three cases of human scrub typhus, all of whom recovered.

A sudden outbreak of the disease on an estate near Kuala Lumpur gave the scientists 40 more cases to treat again. They treated them all without failure.—Reuter.

## New Sun Fo Cabinet Approved By Chiang

Nanking, December 21.

Dr. Sun Fo's list of nominees for China's new war Cabinet has been approved by President Chiang Kai-shek, reliable sources reported tonight.

The list contains the names of seven new Ministers, three new Chairmen of Commissions represented in the Executive Yuan and the Director of the Government Information Office.

The list will be submitted to a meeting of the Kuomintang Central Political Council tomorrow for final approval before official appointments are announced.

This meeting was earlier postponed twice today to enable Dr. Sun Fo to continue his last-minute consultations with the nominees.

After the list had been revised, it was understood that it had been submitted late today to President Chiang Kai-shek.

The new nominations made by Dr. Sun Fo today were believed to include General Hau Yung-chang, the present Chief of Military Operations, for the important portfolio of Defence instead of Dr. Sun Fo's earlier nomination of General Yu Tai-wei, who was expected to remain Minister of Communications.

## Alterations

Mr. Liu Wei-chih was understood to have been nominated Minister of Industry and Commerce instead of Admiral Huang Shao-hung. The following alterations to Dr. Sun Fo's other tentative nominations were understood to have been made:

Minister of Communications, General Yu Tai-wei.  
Social Affairs: Mr. Ku Cheng-chang.

Food: Mr. Kuan Chi-yu.  
Forestry and Agriculture: Mr. Tso Shien-sheng.

Water Conservancy: Mr. Chung Tien-ying.

Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs: Mr. Pai Yun-li.

Director of the Government Information Office: Mr. Shen Chang-huan.—Reuter.

## Fell 38 Feet From Trapeze

London, December 21.

A Danish trapeze artist, Gladys Andersen, aged 22, fell 38 feet at a London circus today and was taken to hospital to be treated for a suspected fractured ankle.

A circus spokesman said: "Miss Andersen was hanging by her toes from the trapeze over one of the entrances to the ring when she fell." Miss Andersen, who has never been outside Scandinavia before, partners a Swede, Eric Soeder. They have been performing together for two and a half years.

Her real name is Gladys Tilly and she has been living with her mother in Horbada, Sweden. Her mother is believed to be temporarily in Copenhagen, her home town.

Gladys was trained with the Fortiss sisters. She once fell 24 feet in the Casino, Aarhus, Denmark, but was able to work again the next day. She left Sweden less than a month ago to take up a six-weeks' engagement with Bertram Mills' Circus, one of the world's biggest circuses.—Reuter.

## ECAFE TALKS NOT FAILURE

Sydney, December 22.

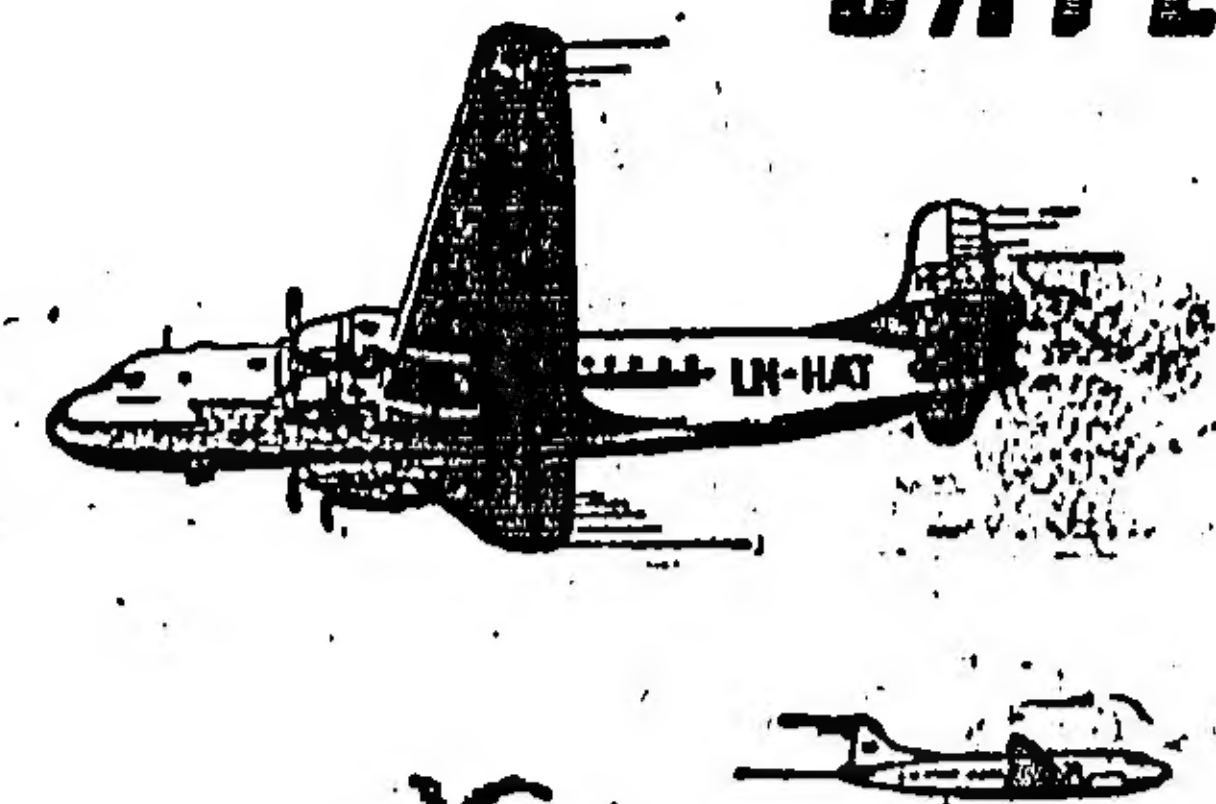
Prince Prasauk Saksawat, leader of Siam's delegation to the recent conferences of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, said before leaving Sydney by air today that he did not consider the conference had been a failure.

"It has accomplished as much as was possible in the time allowed," he said. "Although there will be no immediate results, I feel sure the conference will bear fruit in the near future."

The prince added that he hoped trade agreements between Australia and Siam, which badly needed Australian machinery and rolling stock, would result from his visit.

Mr. K. V. Novikov and other members of the Soviet delegation, who left by air today, declined to discuss the results of the ECAFE conference.—Reuter.

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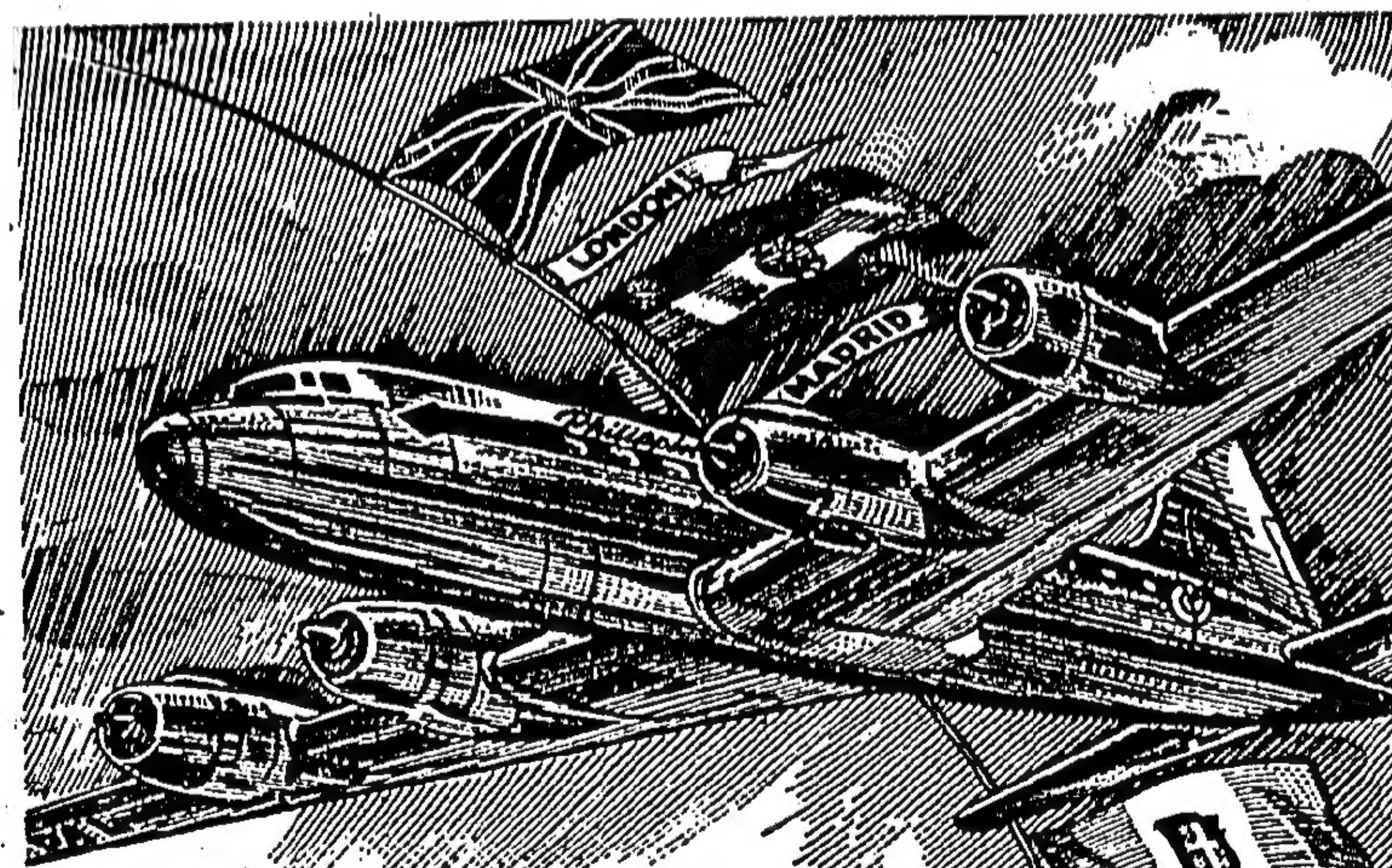
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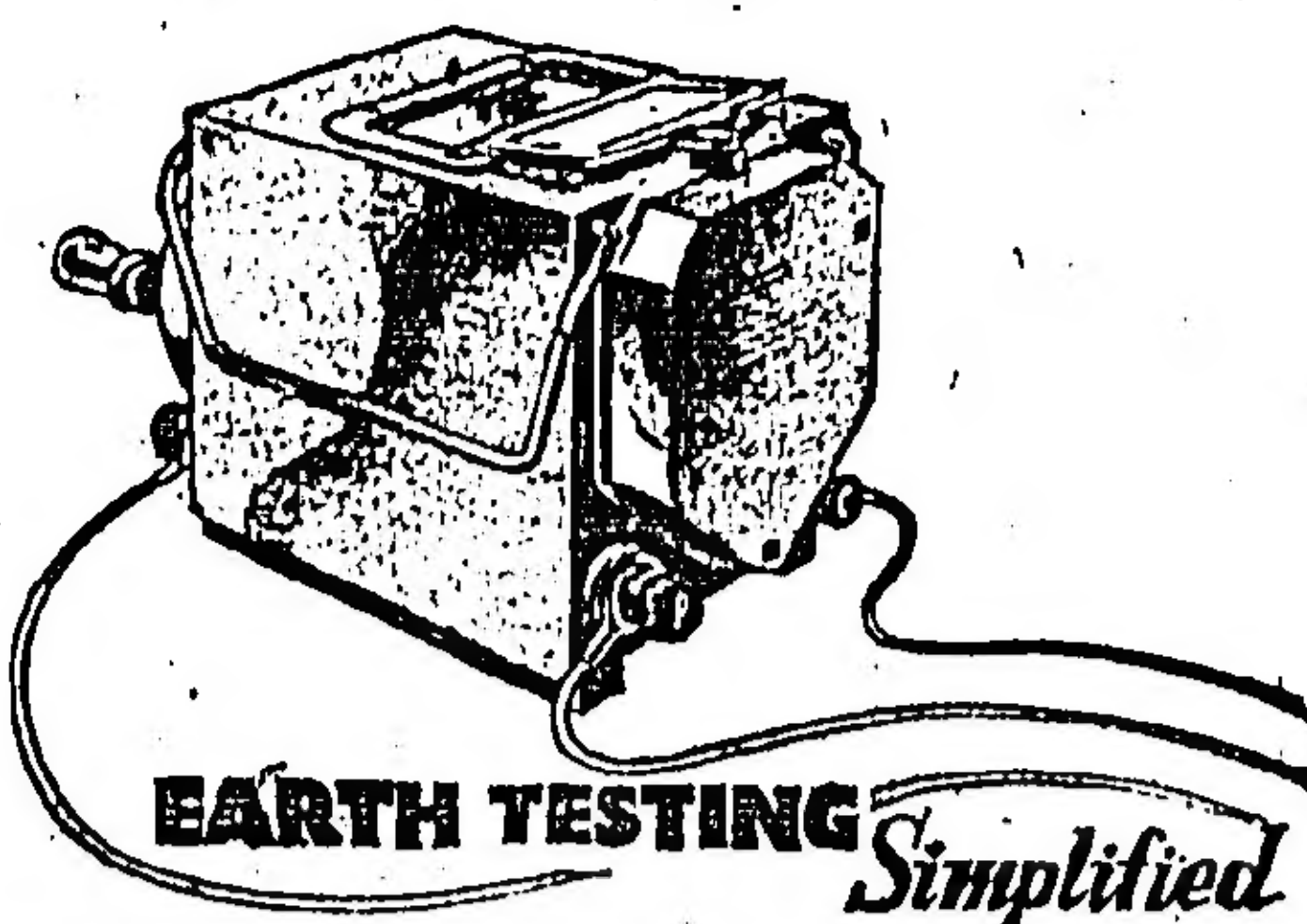
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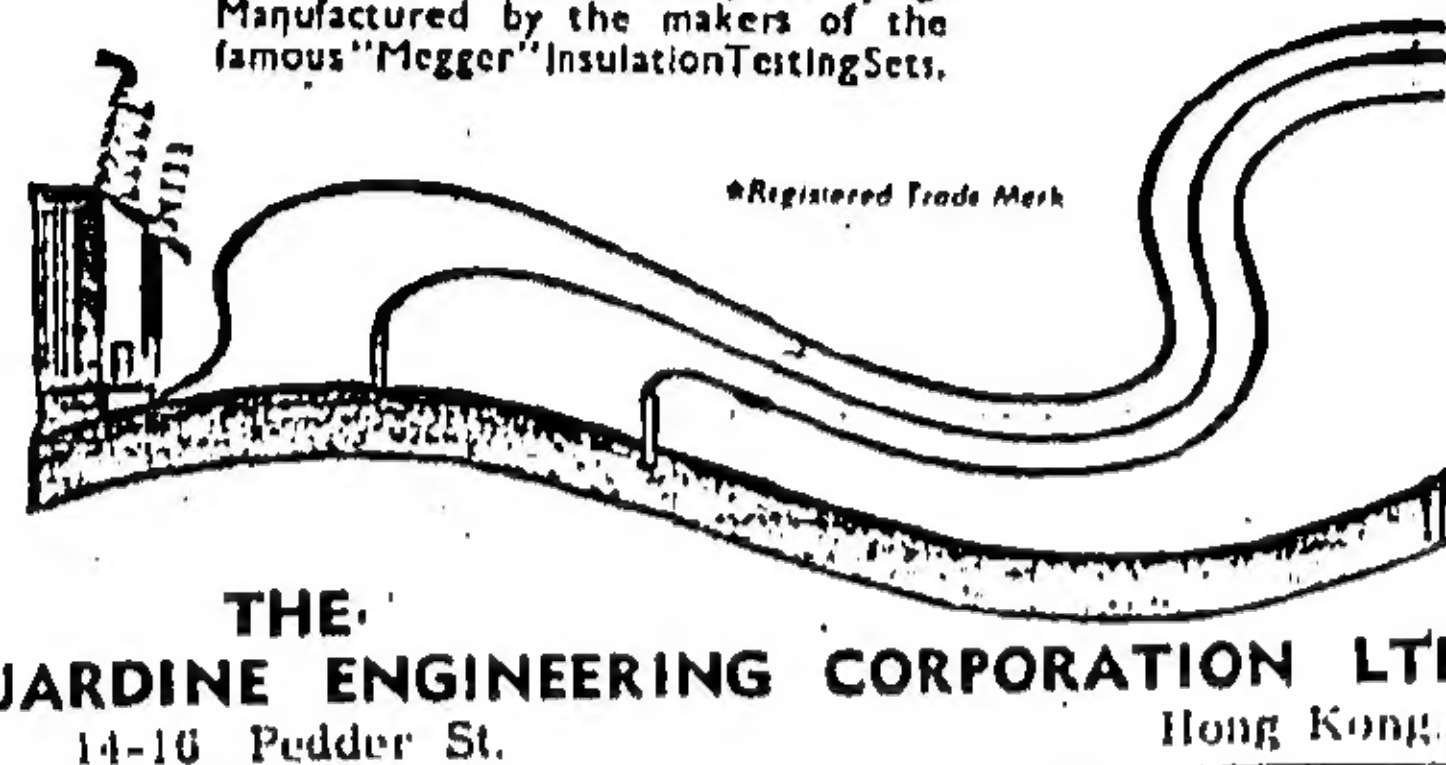
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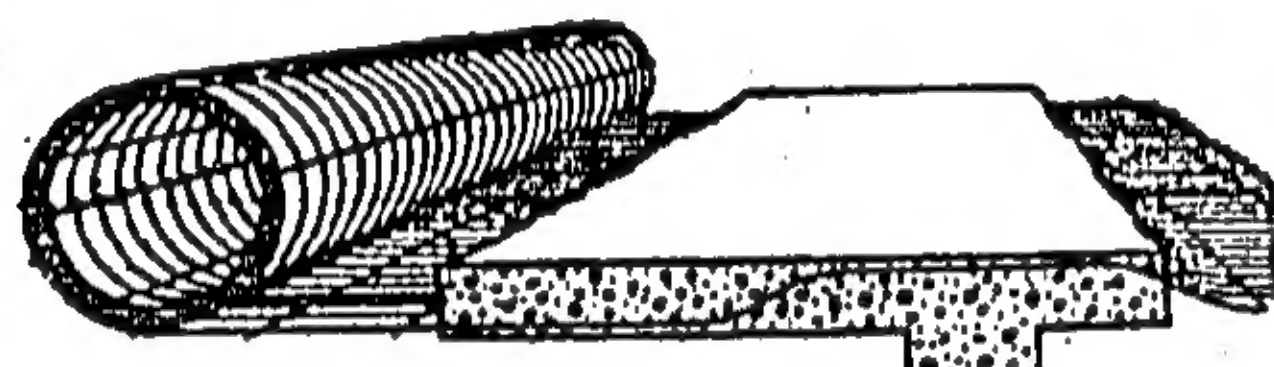


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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### PAINT RESISTANT TO GREAT HEAT WILL REDUCE FIRE RISK

By Charles Lynch.

As a result of laboratory research carried out by the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Australia can now produce paints which will resist temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Use of these special pigments will, it is believed, reduce the general risk from fire as the new paints would form semi-protective coverings for buildings.

The Butyl titanate paint when tested on the main flue stack of the brown coal power station at Yallourn (Victoria) was most impressive in its performance. Normally, one ounce of steel per square foot is removed every six weeks, at the Yallourn flue stack.

#### Corrosion Checked

After 32 weeks the new paint was found to be in excellent condition, however, the usual corrosion was effectively checked. Test samples of ordinary paint applied at the same time had entirely disappeared.

In addition to its heat-resistant properties the new paint also provides superior protection against salt water corrosion, and is thus of importance to the Australian shipping industry. Preliminary and incomplete tests show that ships require painting less frequently in order to maintain efficiency, and as the new paint is not inflammable, fire risk will be greatly reduced.

The basis of the new interesting product is Butyl titanate which is produced from rutile and ilmenite, major components of the heavy beach sands deposits of the Eastern Australian coast. Recently, plans have been made to work similar deposits in the State of Western Australia.

Australia has good supplies of the rare minerals which come from the beach sands. The importance of these sands has been considerably enhanced since one of them, monazite, has been recognised as a source of thorium. Thorium is of importance in the development of atomic power.

#### Zircon From Sand

Among the companies exploiting the beach sands products is Zircon Rutile Ltd., of Melbourne (Victoria) which has an up-to-date laboratory at Botany Bay (New South Wales) and carries out experimental research at South Yarra (Victoria).

The company collects the sands in dragline scoops and bulldozers and the recovery plant employs a flotation process which removes the zircon, ilmenite, monazite and other constituents are recovered magnetically, leaving behind the rutile.

Australia is the world's largest producer of zircon, which is officially listed with rutile and ilmenite in producer statistics. Last recorded figures (for 1945) estimated annual production values as £A69,084 (\$221,068).

The beach sands resources may easily result in Australia becoming the pioneer producing country in exploitation of a product of

importance to the steel and building industry, and new applications of the process may be found in other important commercial outlets.

The conclusive results obtained to date are based on careful laboratory work only, and the next stage will be extension to commercial production.

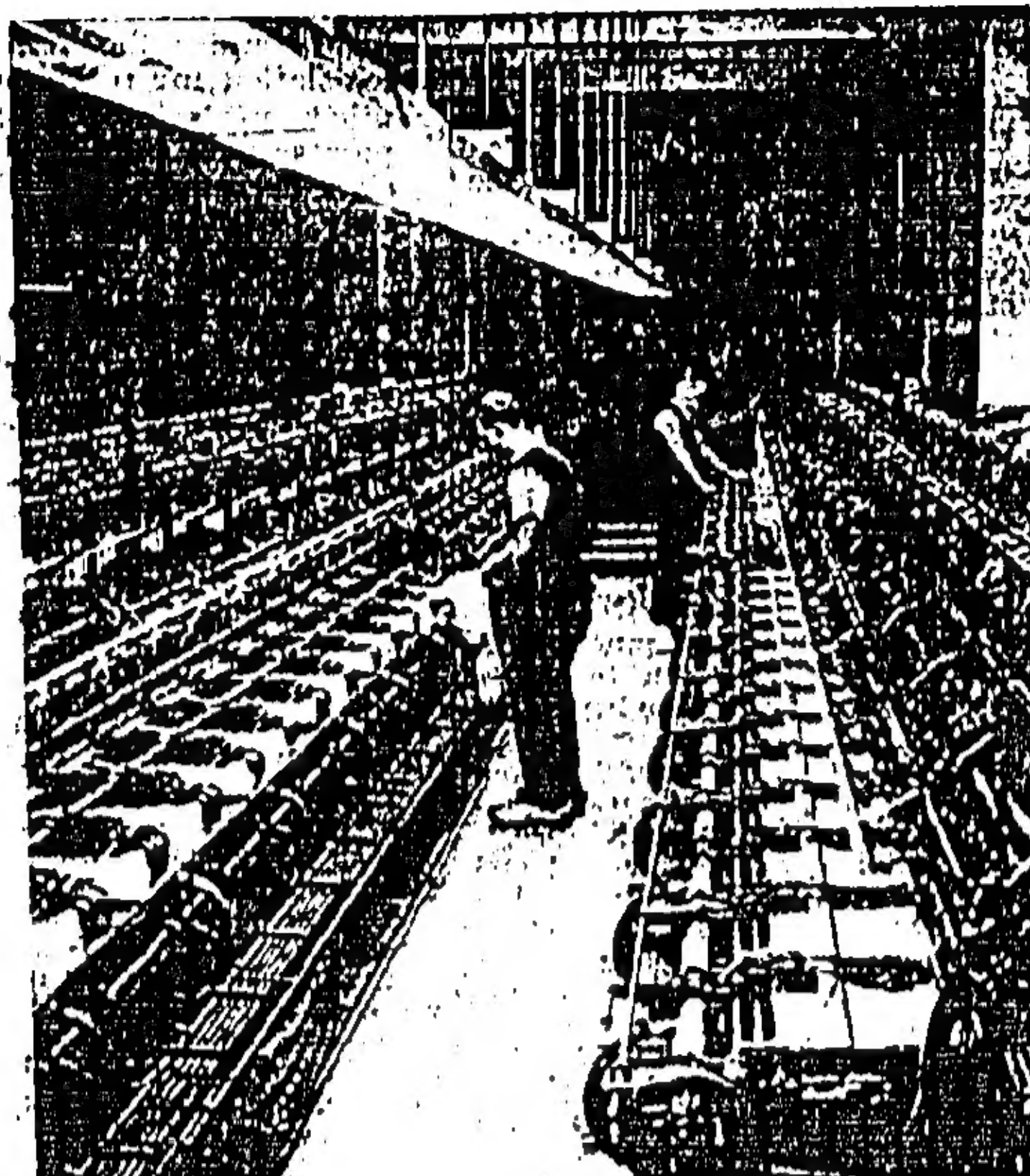
### Dry Yarns Can Be Spun

An entirely new system of roving, spinning and twisting machinery, which opens up far-reaching possibilities for the centrifugal spinning of all dry fibre yarns, has been invented by an English firm, Prince-Smith and Stolls of Birmingham, Sheld, Kellogg, Yorkshire. The system is regarded as the greatest development since Sir Richard Arkwright invented the yarn spinning frame and Samuel Crompton the spinning mule.

The centrifugal system of spinning wet yarns has been known ever since the turn of the century when in connection with the viscose process, C. Topham invented the spinning box, a revolving cylinder in which the very tender filaments were coiled by centrifugal force as they were drawn from the spinning bath. The significance of the present new invention is that the centrifugal spinning of dry fibre yarns is now possible for the first time. The system involves machines for drawing or roving, spinning and twisting, each of which may be used with other textile machinery of the normal type.

To gain full advantage of the system all three types of machine must be used together. In each process the principle is the same. The machines will continue to run through meal-time breaks and on overtime without attention. Other advantages include higher speeds, larger packages, fewer end breakages, far less labour, less floor space per pound of yarn, and higher quality yarns at lower cost. The new system was designed primarily for the worsted spinning industry. The inventor firm will concentrate on this section but Britain's Textile Machinery Makers group, with which the inventor firm is associated, will develop the system for processing spun rayon, cotton and other natural fibres. Manufacture of the new machines involves special plant now being installed, and it will be some time before the machines can be offered for general use in the textile industry.

### Powder Makes Them Glow



This weaving mill is one of the many factories which have found tubular fluorescent lamps to give the high quality lighting required for the work.

The light of TL lamps is produced by the fluorescence of a powder on the inside of the tube, this powder being made luminous by the action of ultraviolet radiation.

Since it is of great importance that this ultraviolet radiation is generated with high efficiency, a low pressure mercury discharge is used, and as the pressure of the mercury vapour depends upon the temperature of the tube, the latter has to be made in certain dimensions. These and other considerations led to the development of the now familiar long tubular lamp.

For a gas discharge lamp a distinction is made between the arc voltage and the striking voltage. By arc voltage is meant the voltage between the terminals when the lamp is burning, whilst the striking voltage is the voltage necessary to start the discharge, this latter voltage being generally much higher than the former.

To restrict the striking voltage various means can be applied, one of which is the use of preheated electrodes, which are connected by means of a bi-pin cap and lamp holders. Furthermore the lamps are provided with an ignition strip, a thin conducting strip running along the length of the lamps.

Philips are now turning out some types of TL lamps. These are supplied for different colours

of light. Which of the colours is preferable in a certain case depends on the circumstances. Generally speaking, for utility lighting (offices, factories, technical drawing etc.) the white colour will be chosen; this colour blends well with the light of incandescent lamps as well as with natural daylight.

In cases where a colour rendering similar to that with natural daylight is required (as in the textile and graphical industries) the "daylight" colour will be preferred, while, for a warm, cosy lighting (restaurants, living rooms) a warm white colour is recommended in several countries.

As mentioned before, the performance of the lamps depends largely on the right pressure of the mercury vapour being maintained. In case of a low ambient temperature the luminous flux drops to a low level and there may be difficulties in the striking of the lamp. The lowest practical temperature limit is about 5°C. High temperatures too cause the luminous flux to drop, though not to the same extent as in the case of low temperatures.

The lamps are not very sensitive to mains voltage fluctuations, in which respect they have an advantage over incandescent lamps. (Sole agents for Philips TL lamps, Manners Engineering Limited.)

### Arc Welding

Among new outlets for arc welding technique in Australia is a railway for logging trucks. This track is being used by the Australian Pulp and Paper Mills of Burnie, Tasmania, for the haulage of logs to its mills for paper manufacturing purposes. The design of the railway tracks comprises bogie frames of cast steel, and an all-welded main frame, built on the box-girder principle, from 14 inch and 12 inch mild steel plate. In order to avoid distortion flat fillet welding was employed in the technique. The main frame of the track is built in four sections. The chief features of the general design are perfect alignment and minimum distortion.

### ROBOT CHESS

An electrical "Brain" with close on four hundred thousand "thoughts" has been built by scientists at an English nerve hospital. Known as "Homostat" the invention consists of four simple magnets connected, magnets eling together. When anything upsets the balance of the magnets, the machine can use combinations of 27 electrical circuits to restore balance. This means it can choose three hundred ninety thousand six hundred twenty-five methods to defeat whatever is trying to destroy its balance. Dr. William Ross Ashby inventor of "Homostat" claims that if the principle of operation were used "Brain" many times larger it could be taught to play chess.

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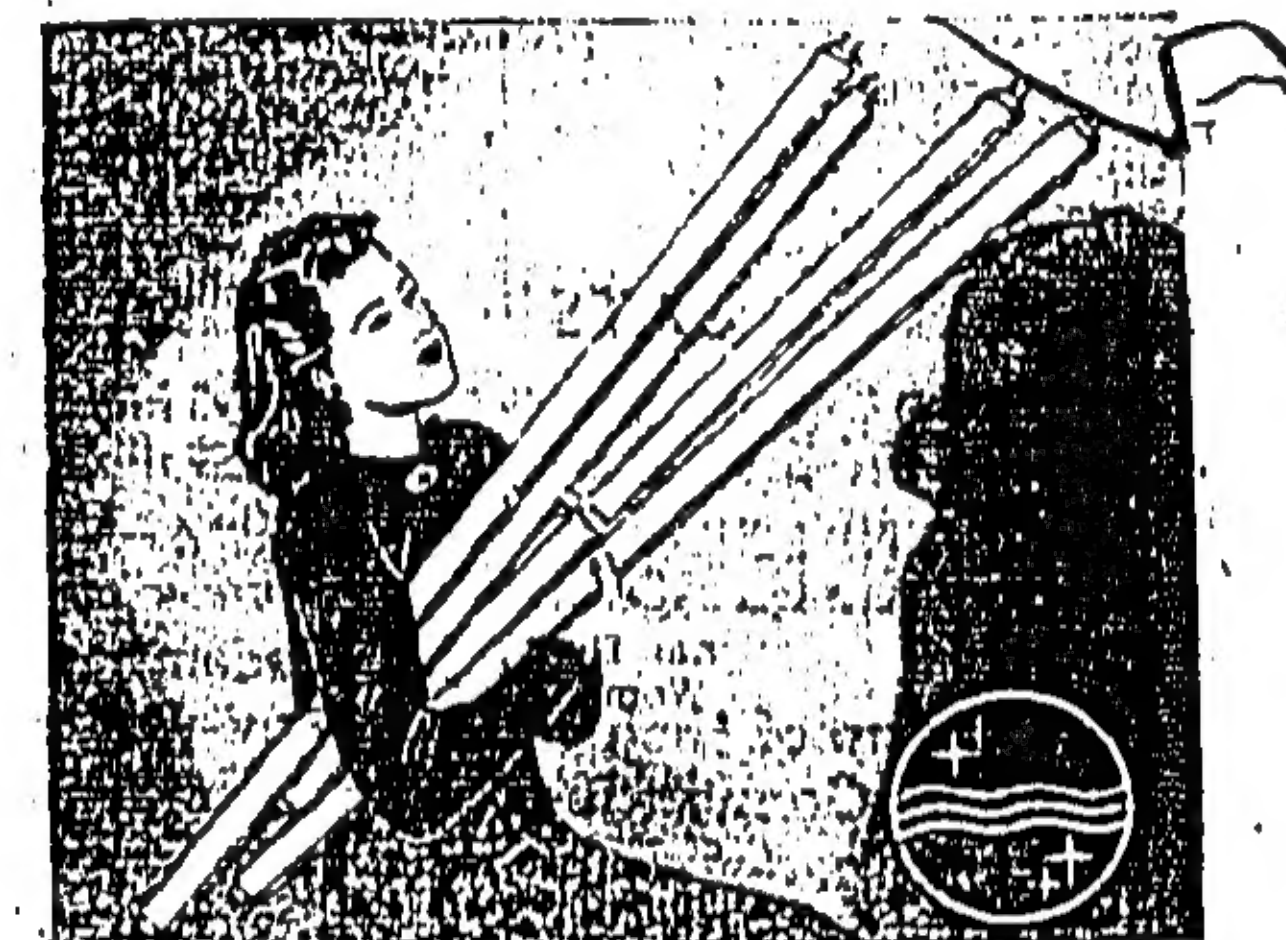


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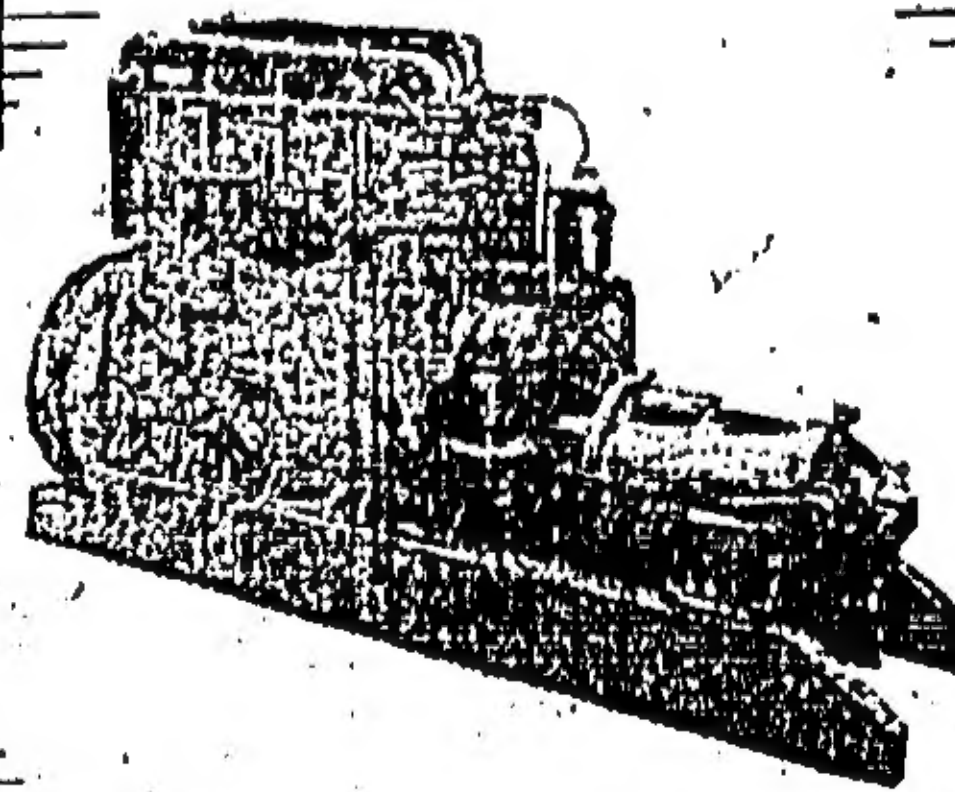
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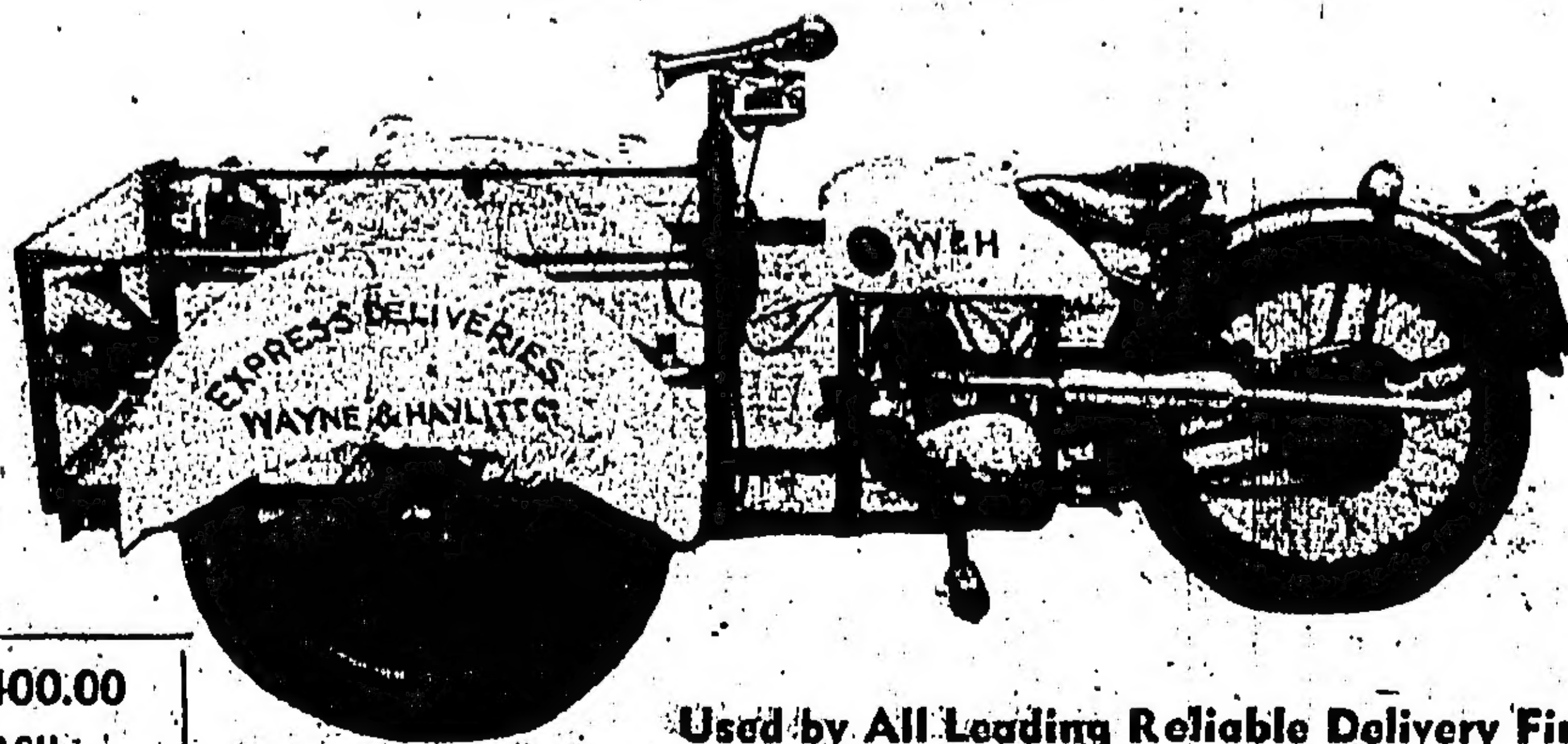
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## A Christmas Sreial Story

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"Mike Trent," the Elliott boy predicted, "there may be Christmas carols, but I think there's going to be plenty of trouble."

"Now I'm going to appoint some committees," Marion said. "Les Morgan and Mike Elliott will build something to resemble a fireplace and chimney. Build it at the window near my desk. Santa can enter through the fireplace and emerge from the chimney. She'll allow them to appoint other committees, forcing the factions to work together. Then she played an ace and printed on the blackboard:

### THE PRICE OF BEEF

Grass Valley Snow River  
Big Cattle Scatter Creek  
Under each locality, she wrote the price of beef was bringing at the shipping centre. Mike Elliott watched her set down the figures. "Doggone it, Scatter Creek beef is the lowest. And it's the best. He stopped and choked back the remainder. "I guess those figures tell the story," he concluded lamely.

Daily, the pupils hurried through their studies in order to perform their committee work, and Marion did not for one minute allow them to forget the winner of the Eagle-Bear contest would not have to take final examinations.

Bill Gallop dropped in one afternoon. "I hear you've invited the Elliott and Morgan old folks to a Christmas tree," he said. "That's the cruelest thing I ever did hear. I'm going to be on hand with a posse, to check the slaughter."

"You're going to buy yourself a red suit and whiskers and be Santa Claus," Marion told him. "Me?" Gallop was almost speechless. "I never done anything like that in my life." He shook his head. "You sure know how to make slaves out of free men." He sighed. "I'll be your Santa Claus, but I'll pack my six-shooters, ready to quell the riot."

Several days later, when Dolph called, she outlined some of her Christmas plans to him. "I would like to meet all the Elliott women at the schoolhouse next Thursday afternoon," she said. "I want them to start making gifts for their children—things that can be hung on a Christmas tree. I'll dismiss the children, so they won't be around hearing the plans."

"I don't think much of this Christmas business," Dolph grumbled. "but I'll tell 'em." Marion sent a similar message to the Morgan women, then began to worry over the outcome. What would happen when Morgan and Elliott women met under the same roof?

Jeff Morgan's Alma was the first married woman to arrive. She had left her cheerful, grinning baby home, and without him in her arms, she looked less frail. A spring-wagon load of Morgans came next, followed by two loads of Elliott women.

Most of the women were thin and tired. Marion could see each was haunted by fear of the feud. Mothers feared for husbands and

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sons—young wives feared for their husbands. And they were almost too weary to hate each other. The Elliotts gathered on one side of the room, the Morgans on the other.

Conversation buzzed until Marion stood up, then the lined faces lifted and eyes studied her earnestly. Perhaps the children have told you of the coming celebration," she began. "You aren't supposed to know this, but they are making presents for you, so don't let on that I've told you, and be properly surprised when the time comes."

"Something of warmth, of light, filled the stuffiest eyes. Here and there women whispered. "I've found out what most of the children would like to find in their stockings and I've bought the material so that you can make their presents. This should be done during the day when they are in school. And I suggest that you deliver everything at the schoolhouse two days before Christmas so that Santa Claus can make up his pack."

An hour of discussion followed, during which the rival factions regarded each other enviously. Each leaned over backward to be polite and, when they had gone, Marion felt like having a good cry.

Those haunted faces would remain with her for a long time to come. She fell asleep that night, wondering if the women would link the low price of beef with the fact they had to make instead of buy Christmas gifts for their children. Certainly, both Elliott and Morgan women had looked at the figures on the blackboard during the discussion.

The report came from the road above and she ran to the window, thankful the children were well on their way home. She looked up and saw Jed Morgan driving a badly skidding buckboard down the switchback. His sister-in-law, Alma, clutching the baby in her arms, was bending low. As they rounded a sharp turn, the buckboard almost upset. A large package bounced out and rolled down the rocky slope. It broke and the contents scattered.

Again the rifle cracked. Jed Morgan slumped in his seat just as he was putting on the brake to make the next curve. The buckboard tilted on two wheels, rolled back, tilted again and overturned.

Marion screamed as she saw Alma and the baby hit the slope ten feet below the road. The baby bounced several times and was lost in the brush. Alma crawled toward it, while Jed rolled good hundred feet before disappearing into a dense thicket. The horses raced away, kicking the buckboard into splinters as they ran.

Marion looked up as the third shot rang out. Briefly, she saw Dolph Elliott outlined against the bright, hard sky, then he put his black stallion down an almost sheer slope. It was a daring, thrilling bit of horsemanship. Marion saw that he was heading directly for the thicket into which Jed Morgan had taken cover. She hardly remembered leaving the schoolhouse, running into the cabin and picking up the shotgun Bill Gallop had lent her.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

## MYSTERY MIGRATIONS FLIGHTS CAUSED BY ATOMIC ENERGY?

New York, December 22.

Atomic energy may have started the mysterious migration of birds from one continent to another.

This energy, coming from radioactive heat in the earth, split continents apart, and very slowly separated them by thousands of miles of water.

The splits came between bird feeding and nesting grounds. As the waters widened, countless generations of birds learned to fly farther and farther to cross the water and return once a year.

The extreme example is the Arctic tern, which annually flies 10,000 miles, from its nesting grounds in North America, to feeding grounds in the Antarctic continent.

The theory of migration was offered before the Geological Society of America by Dr. Albert Wolfson, of North Western University, Evanston, Illinois. The new atomic energy explanation for continental splitting was reported by Dr. C. W. Wolfe, of Boston University.

For many years geologists have believed that continents long ago slipped apart and then

drifted thousands of miles apart.

Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Bailey Willis, of Stanford University, said that all the continents, oceans and mountain ranges can be explained by the action of atomic energy, in the form of radioactivity zero to 100 miles deep in the earth.

This radioactivity heats underground rocks from time to time, sometimes over underground areas thousands of miles wide. This swells the molten rock so that it pushed up blisters at the surface.

### Still Growing

These form mountains and continents. The blisters also collapse, Dr. Wolfe said, and ocean waters fill the depressions.

This filling is slow and accounts for the apparent drifting of continents. It accounts for the known fact that there are now great oceans in some places that were once large continents.

The atomic energy work has not stopped and Dr. Willis said: "The earth is still growing from below."—Associated Press.

## PHILOSOPHER TO VISIT COLONY

Palo Alto, December 22.

A Stanford University expert on philosophies and religions of the Orient will sail today for six months of studies in China, India, Siam and Ceylon.

Dr. Frederic Spiegelberg will make the trip under a Rockefeller grant aboard the President Wilson.

He will depart at Hong Kong and visit briefly at a Buddhist monastery. Then he will fly to Bangkok for a week in another Buddhist monastery. Two months will be spent in Southern India.

In May, he will go to remote Tibetan monasteries, high in the Himalayas.

Mules and hardy guides will be required to reach the isolated monasteries and hermit caves on the slopes of 28,000 foot Kanchenjunga.

His headquarters for a month will be Pomeyongchi, one of the most important of the monasteries. He has spent ten years studying Sanskrit and Pali, dialect of the early Buddhist scriptures. He also speaks Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, French and English. —Associated Press.

## Less Aid For Britain

Paris, December 21.

The Executive Committee of the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation disclosed today that Britain has reduced her second year Marshall Aid requirements by 25 per cent from \$1,283 million to \$940 million.

The Committee, giving estimates of ERP aid required for the year starting July 1 next, said that only three nations—Norway, Greece and Turkey—had asked for more in the second year.

The American-controlled German Bizon asked for about the same. The Committee began today considering the \$3,300 million second-year aid programme to be submitted to European Recovery Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, in Washington.

The total aid estimated for the 19 Marshall Plan nations next year was 9.7 per cent less than for the first year. —Reuter.

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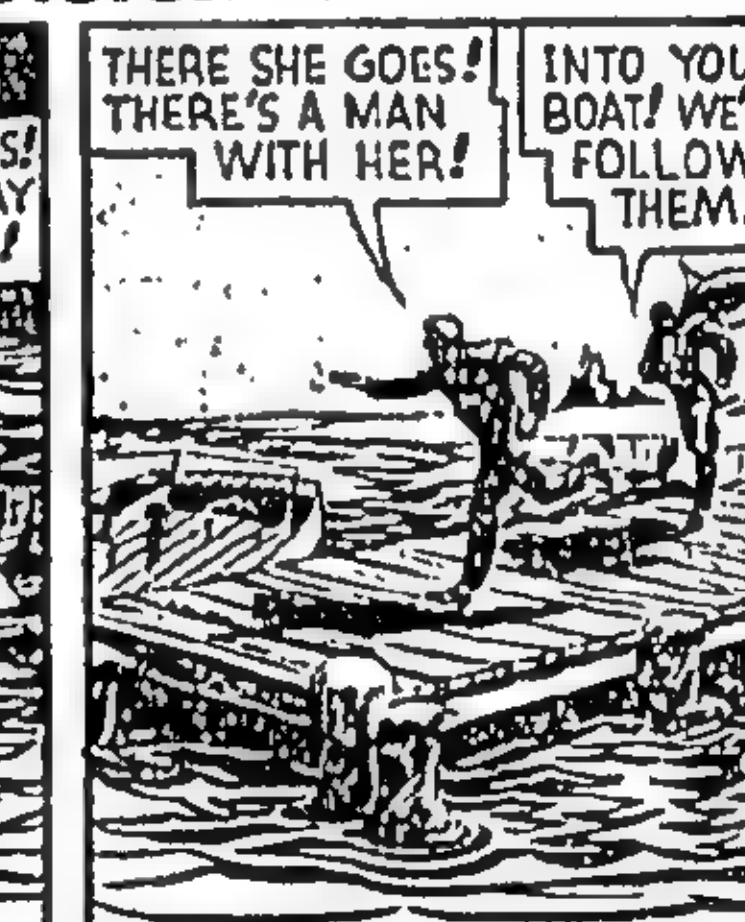
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## U.S. DENOUNCES USE OF FORCE IN S. AMERICA

Washington, December 22.

The State Department today denounced the use of force in effecting political changes in Latin America.

It said in a statement that the use of arms is increasingly a danger to the countries of this hemisphere.

## British Proposal To Russia

London, December 22.

Britain has proposed to Russia a one-year agreement to secure from Russia 1,000,000 tons of coarse grains and 500,000 tons of wheat for the year 1949.

This short-term contract was offered to Russia because it may be found impossible to reach the projected long-term trade agreement with Russia in time to ensure Britain's grain supplies for next year.

Britain is not counting on receiving grain supplies this season from any Eastern European countries other than Russia. Even if Britain receives maize under the projected Anglo-Yugoslav trade agreement, it would be a very small contribution towards her essential needs.

Authoritative British sources affirm that it would be only with the greatest reluctance that Britain would transfer her proposed purchases of grain from Russia to the Western Hemisphere. The price Britain would have to pay for grain from the United States and Argentina would be somewhat lower than the price Russia would ask but it must be paid in hard currencies.—Reuter.

## Giant Tree For London

London, December 22.

The Mayor of Oslo, Mr. U. E. Stokke, today formally presented a Christmas tree, 20 metres high, Norway's gift to London, to the British Minister of Works, Charles Key, amid cheering crowds in Trafalgar Square.

Sen Scout Dale Götter, one of the two British boys who went to Oslo in October to "choose the tree, touched a switch and the tree became a tower of coloured lights.

The evening newspaper, The Star, said tonight in an editorial: "The tree in Trafalgar Square symbolises even more than the friendship cemented in the war of Britain and Norway."

"It stands for Christian friendship, for generosity of heart and family ties."—Reuter.

## RUSSIANS ELECT THEIR JUDGES

Moscow, December 22.

Citizens in three regions of the Soviet Union went to the polls today to elect judges for the People's Courts.

The elections in other regions of the USSR will take place between now and early February.

The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia said today: "The working people nominate for the People's Judges men and women with great experience of life, who understand the policy of the Bolshevik Party and who are able to apply it."—Reuter.

## Strachey Gives Out Some Xmas Cheer

London, December 22.

Britons will get a slight addition to their tightly-rationed diet for Christmas.

The Minister of Food Mr. Strachey, has allocated an extra half pound of sugar, a quarter pound of tea and two ounces of candy for each ration book holder. Normal weekly rations are a half pound of sugar, two ounces of tea and three ounces of candy.

A small amount of non-rationed meat loaf and sausage has been added to butchers' normal supplies.—Associated Press.

## Bulgaria's Call For Communist Getting Together

Sofia, December 21.

The Bulgarian Premier, M. Georgi Dimitrov, has called for closer co-ordination of the work of the Communist parties in all countries under Soviet leadership.

He told the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress here: "Our party sees in international collaboration with the great Stalin at its head the guarantee for the independent existence of our country and its advance towards Socialism."

been a common ideal for centuries.

M. Dimitrov said the weakness of the capitalist world and the assistance of the Soviet Union had made it possible for Bulgaria to achieve Socialism by popular democratic methods instead of working class dictatorship.

"The whole future of our people depends on the power of the Soviet Union and on the determination of our people to attack by the capitalist powers to accomplish worthily their duty in the common struggle," he said.

Speaking of Yugoslavia, whose Premier, Marshal Josip Tito, is at loggerheads with the Communist form, M. Dimitrov attacked the "bourgeois Chauvinist—Tito group," claiming it had sabotaged preparations for a South Slav Federation which would have brought Bulgarians and Yugoslavs together in a unity which had

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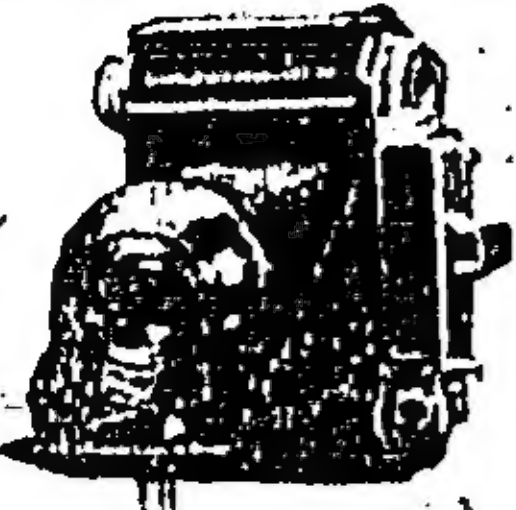






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John Frederick Shea, aged 47, director of Harpor & Shea Co. and living at 2 Humphrey's Avenue, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with obstructing Sub-Inspector R. A. Brown in the execution of his duties.

After hearing the prosecution's evidence, the court amended the count to one of refusing to produce his licence when called upon by a police officer in uniform.

Convicting defendant on that charge, the bench said, "There is no answer to that. I have to find you guilty. You have to produce your driving licence whenever called upon to do so by a police officer in uniform."

Accused was fined \$25.

SI Brown said that it was a very trivial matter and if defendant had given his name and address at the first instance, he would only have been cautioned.

At the conclusion of his evidence, defendant added, "I had thought that police officers were taught to be courteous and helpful to the public and not to be obstructive."

Shea referred to SI Brown's behaviour as officious and bullying. "I further consider SI Brown as having exceeded his authority and abused his position as a sub-inspector of police."

In reply to the bench, defendant said by "exceeding his authority" he meant that SI Brown having already asked for his licence through a subordinate officer, he should not do so again.

As to "a nuisance" accused said that SI Brown was just throwing his weight about.

At 6.45 p.m. on December 21, said SI Brown, he saw a large car, bearing licence plate 3242, causing an obstruction outside 115 Boundary Street. He instructed PC 1204 to find out who the driver was and to get the obstruction removed.

**Refused Address**

At 7.05 p.m. he was informed by the constable that the European driver refused to give his address. He (SI Brown) then saw the car, driven by accused, stop at the Eastern end of the nullah at Boundary Street, and park there.

He went across to the car and asked defendant, "Are you the driver of this car, please?" In a very aggressive and bullying manner, defendant said, "What do the hell do you think I am?"

Shea's breath, said SI Brown, smelt strongly of alcohol, his speech was blurred, and he was unsteady on his feet.

The prosecution said that he did not consider accused to be sufficiently under the influence to be charged with that offence.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that he took down the particulars

of the number and name as supplied by accused. He further agreed with defendant that during the conversation they were very courteous and cordial to each other.

Witness admitted that defendant switched on the car lights for him to write down the number, name and address which defendant read out. Shea spelt out his own name but not the address, said witness in reply to another question.

In the course of his evidence, defendant said that after he had written his car to the end of the nullah at the junction of Waterloo Road, and locked it, SI Brown went up to him and demanded to see his licence. Accused said he showed the licence to a subordinate officer of his who was acting under his instructions, and could see no reason why he should show it again.

SI Brown then threatened to arrest him but he still persisted in his refusal to produce his licence. SI Brown then told a constable to take him to the police station. "I offered to drive them there. In my car."

In reply to SI Brown, defendant admitted that he had had a few drinks and that he did refuse to produce his licence.

Continuing, SI Brown said he told defendant, "It's obvious that you are the driver of the car as I have seen you driving. Will you please show me your licence?"

Defendant, it was alleged, replied, "I have already given particulars to this police constable and I refuse to give them to you, Inspector Brown, or anyone else."

After asking defendant five or six times to show his licence, SI Brown said he warned accused that he was liable to be charged for refusing the information. To this accused, it was alleged, said, "Go to hell. I'll tell you nothing."

In reply to accused, witness said that he did not mention about his being unsteady on his feet and blurred in his speech at the Police Station because he (witness) did not consider him to be under the influence.

SI Brown admitted that, at the station, he noted off a number of charges against accused, such as obstructing traffic, obstructing a police officer, dangerous driving, careless driving, and driving without lights.

Witness disagreed with accused's suggestion that they were both standing on the own rights — he, on the right to ask for a driving licence to be produced, and accused on the right to refuse to show it after having shown it to a subordinate officer acting under instructions of witness.

PC In Chiu-chol, in evidence, testified to having gone up to 115 Boundary Street, and to defendant coming out of the house after witness had told the man that he wanted to see the driver of the car.

He told accused that his car was causing an obstruction. Defendant denied this and, when asked to produce his licence, offered to give him a visiting card. When Shea could not find the card, he produced his licence but held it in his own hand.

Defendant, said witness, furnished him with the name and licence number. He took them down and, on meeting SI Brown, told the inspector about it.

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**Programme For League Clubs**

(By ALCYDES)

The coming week-end will witness a comparative-ly easy holiday programme for league clubs. Two league engagements are due for completion, one on Saturday, December 25 and the other on Monday, December 27.

As opponents are the same on both days, there may be some changes in the league standings. Derby County for instance are booked for two

games with Arsenal, the first, in London at Highbury with the return game at the Baseball Ground. The County took all four points last year but their game in London gives Arsenal a good opportunity to get even. I expect Arsenal to get at least two points from holiday fixtures.

Newcastle United also have a heavy holiday programme which includes a visit to the Midlands for an Xmas Day encounter with Birmingham.

**Inter-Varsity Sports**

Programme for the Inter-Varsity Sports between Hong Kong University and the Lingnam University of Canton.

Friday, December 24  
Morning, starting at 10 a.m.—Tennis at the Gymnasium.  
Afternoon, starting at 2.30 p.m.—Ping Pong in Union followed by football at the Pavilion at 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 26  
Morning, starting at 10.30 a.m.—Basketball at Caroline Hill.  
Afternoon, starting at 3 p.m.—Badminton at the VRC Badminton Court.  
Farewell tea party.

**Magpies Promise**

The Magpies took three points from Birmingham last season (in the Second Division) and it looks likely that they will fare handsomely this holiday.

Fortunes vary on this Xmas programme and West Bromwich Albion have heavy games with Sheffield Wednesday whilst Southampton seem to be on four easy points in two games with Nottingham Forest. Tottenham have Xmas with Leicester which should also bear fruit.

Brighton can do well too when they meet Exeter City twice. Swansea's Xmas cannot be called silver lined because Reading are displaying fine form and are difficult to beat at home.

Below are the fixtures and forecast for Saturday December 25.

**FIRST DIVISION**  
ARSENAL v Derby Co.  
Birmingham v NEWCASTLE.  
BLACKPOOL v Huddersfield.  
BURNLEY v Stoke.

CHARLTON v Preston.  
Chelsea v Portsmouth.  
Everton v MANCHESTER C.  
MANCHESTER U. v Liverpool.  
Sheffield v Bolton.

SUNDERLAND v Middlesboro.  
WOLVERHAMPTON v Aston.  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
BLACKBURN v Queens Park Rangers.

Bradford v Fulham.  
BRENTFORD v Cardiff.  
BURY v Coventry.  
Grimsby v Barnsley.

Leicester v NOTTINGHAM.  
Lincoln v Chesterfield.  
LUTON v Plymouth.  
Notts Forest v SOUTHAMPTON.

W.A. v Sheffield Wed.  
WEST HAM v Leeds U.  
**THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)**  
Aldershot v Bristol City.  
BIRMINGHAM CITY v Torquay.  
BRISTOL R. v Walsley.  
Exeter v BRIGHTON.

Millwall v Swindon.  
NEWPORT v Palace.  
Northampton v NOTTS CO.  
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PRINCE VALE v Orient.

READING v Swansea.  
WALLING v Ipswich.  
**THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)**  
CREWE v Chester.

DARTFORTH v Carlisle.  
GATESHEAD v Accrington.  
GOSWOLD v Hartlepool.  
Hull v Tranmere.

Millwall v Bolton.  
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**CLUB VICTORY**

In a rugby game at Happy Valley yesterday, Club beat 25th Field Regiment R.A. by 11 points to three.

**ARSENAL--HOTSPUR NOT ALL--TICKET MATCH**

London, December 19.

When it first became known that the Arsenal versus Tottenham Hotspur game in the third round of the FA Cup competition would not be an all-ticket match, numerous people were surprised. It was their opinion that such a decision would throw the way open for one of the biggest scrambles in the history of the game because of the immense interest such a tie had created.

Not until explanations came from the Arsenal club was it realised how difficult a problem it would be to make this match an all-ticket one. The whole matter revolved around the construction of the Arsenal ground at Highbury, and Tom Whitaker, the Arsenal manager, admitted that a huge reconstruction scheme would have to be undertaken to make it possible for only people with tickets being allowed at the match.

The whole of the accommodation at Highbury would need to be divided off into some kind of "pen" and every seat in the vast stands numbered in order to prevent a scramble by even ticket holders.

With numbered tickets issued, as in the case of the Cup final at Wembley, it will be seen how necessary such arrangements would be. Wembley was constructed in that manner so that all ticket matches here are easily workable but without reconstruction at Highbury such a scheme would not be successful.

**Overnight Queues**  
In consequence, the gates at Highbury will probably be opened at a very early hour and it is certain that queues will begin to form overnight. The majority of the stand tickets have already been sold.

They were within an hour or two of the draw being made known, and unless some first class control arrangements are made near the ground on the day, January 8, even ticket holders are likely to be caught up in the crowds which will swarm round the gates hoping to get in and see what is easily the outstanding tie of the round.

It is likely that the ground will be full long before the kick off and notices will go round to traffic points and stations on the railways, covering a large radius, warning intending inter arrivals that there is no hope of watching the play.

Twice this season, Aston Villa have been at the foot of the First Division table and each time they have paid out thousands of sterling in transfer fees.

In September they gave Birmingham City £25,000 for the right winger, Mulrunny, who had spent two seasons outside League football, and followed with a sum in the region of £10,000 for Con Martin, Leeds United and Irish International utility player.

**Biggest Ever**  
Now, following last Saturday's 5-0 defeat at Middlesbrough, which put them at the bottom for the second time, Villa have paid £17,000 for Ivor Powell, Queens Park Rangers and Welsh International wing half. The fee is the highest ever received by Queen Park Rangers and also the biggest sum expended on a player by Aston Villa.

Villa supporters are likely to be impressed by the move, for he plays the type of football for so long associated with the club. He is a great ball player, with attack as his strong point. If necessary, Powell can deputise in the forward line, as he did for Wales against England in 1946.

Last season Powell appeared in all three internationals, but in his best position at right half. Before he was signed on by Aston Villa, negotiations had been completed for him to go to Fulham in exchange for their speedy left winger, Ernie Shepherd, and a fee of £7,000, but at the last moment Powell would not consent to the move.

Powell only signed for Aston Villa after he had looked over a house which the club will provide for him.—Reuter.

**SAVOLD LINES UP FIGHTS FOR 1949**

London, December 22.

Lee Savold, the United States heavyweight, announced in London today that he has lined up three fights in 1949.

They include a contest with the world light heavyweight champion, Freddie Mills, in London in September. Bill Daly also agreed that Savold should take on the Swedish champion, Olle Tandberg, in either Oslo or Stockholm next summer.

Jack Solomons will also have a hand in this promotion. Daly, accepted a bid from Jack Solomons for the Mills fight a few hours after accepting an offer from the 26th Century Sporting Club for Savold to meet an unnamed opponent in Madison Square Garden in February.

It is understood that the fight will be a final eliminator for a world title bout with Joe Louis.

**June Date**  
Daly said tonight that he would stipulate that the winner should get a June date with Louis for the world title.

Daly said that Savold will return to the United States late in January after a number of exhibition engagements in England and Dublin.

Freddie Mills has contracted with Solomons to fight Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, on June 2 before the match with Savold. Woodcock's British Empire and European titles will be at stake.

If Mills wins he will then hold seven titles as he is already World British Empire and European light heavyweight champion.

Bruce Woodcock beat Savold on a fourth round foul at Harringay Arena on December 6.

Associated Press and Reuter.

**Girls Gave Keeper 60 Cents**  
Attended by Inspector H. J. Baldwin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Chan Sze, 52-year-old married woman, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for keeping a brothel at 107 Reclamation Street, second floor.

Inspector J. Orem said that the second and fourth cubicles were being used at the time of the raid. The girls told Inspector Baldwin that they each gave defendant 60 cents from the \$3.50 they received from their respective clients.

**WEDDING BELLS**  
The wedding took place at the Supreme Court, Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday of Mr. John Eaton Calliropo, Elfchild, author of Mosque Street, second floor, and Miss Chang Mei-fong, of the same address. Witnesses were Mr. Tsui Kwok-ling, and Mr. Wong Sui-ling.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. George Knight, Prison Officer, of Stanley Prison Quarters, and Mrs. Alexandra Vafes, of 10 Beltran Road; Mr. Horace Arthur William Bennett, C.P.O., engineering room artificer, R.N., of HMS Sussex, and Miss Theima Doreen Colucci, salesgirl, of 11 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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